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## TELEGRAMS.

### THE BALKAN QUESTION.

#### CONFERENCE ADJOURNS.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 21.  
The Peace Conference adjourned to-night after a two-hours' sitting. The questions of the Greek armistice and the re-victualling of Adrianople were discussed. They will be discussed again when the Conference resumes on Monday afternoon.

#### TURKISH REQUESTS.

An official account of the Peace Conference states that the Turks asked for the re-victualling of Adrianople as a condition of negotiating with Greece. The Allies considered that the question had already been settled by the armistice, and was therefore outside the scope of the Conference. The Turks replied that they must therefore refer the matter to Constantinople.

Reuter learns that the Turks asked for the re-victualling of the besieged towns in the interests of humanity.

#### OPTIMISM.

The Delegates of the Allies yesterday plainly intimated to the Turks that the delays must end, but optimism prevailed when the Conference adjourned.

#### TROUBLE?

The unity of the Powers as set forth yesterday in an official communiqué contrasts with the situation at the peace conference, where trouble is apparently brewing, the latest Turkish instructions including a demand to re-victual Adrianople.

#### DELEGATES RECEIVED.

His Majesty received the Peace Delegates at Buckingham Palace on Saturday and conversed with them for half an hour.

#### AUSTRIA PLEASED.

A message from Vienna states that much satisfaction is expressed at the decision of the Conference of Ambassadors, which is regarded as endorsing Austria's standpoint.

#### FRENCH PREMIER SPEAKS.

M. Poincaré, the French Premier, in a speech in the Chamber of Deputies, dwelt on the closeness of the agreement and the entente between the Powers on the Balkan trouble. He praised the initiative of Great Britain in arranging the Conference of Ambassadors which had succeeded in eliminating one of the principal causes of European discord. He believed that Serbia would adopt the point of view of the Ambassadors. He understood that the autonomy of Albania would be constituted under the suzerainty of the Sultan and controlled by all the Powers. A port for Serbia which would be free and neutral would be served by an international railway also controlled by Europe with free transit for all goods, including war stores, etc. There remained delicate questions—the limits of Albania and many others—the solution of which depended on the result of the negotiations between the belligerents, of which it was impossible to forecast the issue. If unhappily a rupture occurred, Europe could not remain impassive. France was devoted to peace and was resolved to work for peace, but she was determined to defend unhesitatingly the interests and rights and maintain the great traditions of France, safeguarding above all the sacred national honour. (Cheers).

The Socialist, M. Vaillant, said that the result of war would be a communist rising in France. M. Deschanel retorted that in the event of a European war, all France would do her duty.

## TELEGRAMS.

### THE BALKAN QUESTION.

#### A SOLUTION.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 21.  
M. Poincaré, speaking in the Senate, said that the Balkans for the Balkan peoples was an equitable solution affording the surest guarantee of permanence, when peace was signed that it would rest on solid bases. Turkey would retain a considerable empire and would act wisely in listening to the wishes of the subject populations. France was determined to ensure respect to her interests in Lebanon and Syria. There was no foundation for the insinuation that Anglo-French discord had arisen on the subject. Great Britain had assured them that she had no political aspirations in these regions, and France was determined to maintain the integrity of the Ottoman Empire in Asia.

#### FUTURE HOPES.

M. Poincaré's speech is regarded as evidence of the amelioration in the general European situation, while indicating the possibility of mediation led by France in the event of a rupture in the Peace Conference.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris telegraphs that it is semi-officially announced that the cause of peace had made great strides within the last forty-eight hours, Austria having decided to come into line with the other Powers in urging moderation towards Turkey.

#### BULGARIAN READINESS.

Reuter's correspondent at Sofia wires that in the Subraja the Minister of Finance, in requesting a three months' vote on account, said that thanks to the favourable closing of Treasury bonds abroad the army was well supplied with arms and ammunition and able to continue the war for six months.

Tear Ferdinand in an army order praises the troops for their memorable exploits and exhorts them to profit by the respite and prepare for fresh efforts.

#### SERBIAN REGRETS.

Reuter's correspondent at Vienna telegraphs that the Serbian Premier called on the Austrian Minister at Belgrade and expressed the regret of the Government at the blunders of the individual military officers in the affair of M. Prochaska, the Austrian Consul at Prizrend.

#### GREEK SUCCESSES.

A message from Athens states that the Turkish army at Mytilene surrendered.

The Greeks in Epirus have captured Gorizia after forcing the fortified passes.

Later.  
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that the Minister of War has announced that three Turkish attacks were repulsed at Epirus since Thursday, and that the Greek Army has been considerably reinforced to enable Janina to be speedily captured.

#### NAVAL MATTERS.

#### VICE-ADMIRAL BRIDGEMAN INTERVIEWS THE KING.

London, December 21.  
Vice-Admiral Bridgeman had an audience with the King at Buckingham Palace on his retirement. It was prolonged for over an hour. Such interviews are usually only for a quarter of an hour.

#### NEW APPOINTMENT.

London, December 22.  
Admiral Troubridge has been appointed to command the Mediterranean Cruiser Squadron.

## TELEGRAMS.

### STEAMER WRECKED.

#### CAPTAIN AND 21 DROWNED.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 22.  
A message from St. John's, Newfoundland, states that the Furness steamer Florence, bound from Halifax to St. John's, with a general cargo, was totally wrecked on Friday off Cape Race. The captain and 21 of the crew were drowned, while five were saved after being adrift in a boat for two days.

[The Florence was a steel screw vessel of 2,492 tons gross register. She was built for Messrs Furness, Withy and Co., Ltd., in 1889 by Messrs Short Bros., of Sunderland.]

#### COSTLY LITIGATION.

##### 57 A MINUTE.

London, December 22.  
After a trial lasting forty-two days in the Chancery Court, before Mr. Justice Parker, the case of Sir John Airds, Limited, against the Tanjong Pagar Dock Board, has almost concluded.

The Judge has announced the findings of fact at which he had arrived regarding the charges of fraud, and reserved his judgment regarding the other facts and the law applicable to them. Mr. Justice Parker took this course because he understood that the matter would have been long since settled but for the charges of fraud. He appreciated the difficulty of compromising an action in which fraud had been alleged. Mr. Justice Parker found that there had been untrue representation, but this was due to gross carelessness and inaccuracy. None of the persons concerned had any intention or desire to deceive, or had knowingly made any mis-statement or dishonestly concealed or suppressed material facts.

This action is estimated to have cost £7 per minute.

#### SHIPPING DEADLOCK.

##### ANGLO-GERMAN DISPUTE.

London, December 22.  
A deadlock has arisen between the British and German lines regarding the South African Shipping Agreement, over the trade with East Africa, where the Germans consider that their own interests should be specially protected. Failing this, they intimate that they cannot see their way to renew the agreement with British lines trading with South Africa, expiring on the 31st March next.

#### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

##### EVIDENCES OF GOOD TRADE

London, December 22.  
Christmas shopping is proceeding with the utmost vigour and animation. There is every sign of great trade prosperity. Record shipments of presents to the overseas Dominions have taken place, and the Post Office estimates that 1,000,000 more Yuletide letters have been sent to various parts of the Empire than in 1911.

#### BRITISH TORPEDO BOAT ASHORE.

London, December 21.  
The British torpedo boat destroyer Beaver went ashore at Haisborough. She has 200 officers and men on board. It is hoped that she will be refloated at the next tide.

## TELEGRAMS.

### AFRICAN POLITICS.

#### CABINET RECONSTITUTED.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 21.  
The Right Hon. Louis Botha has reconstituted the Cabinet, which includes Hon. J. C. Smuts and the Right Hon. A. Fischer. The Hon. J. M. B. Hertzog is not included in the new Cabinet. The Premier, in a communiqué, denounces the recent speeches of Mr. Hertzog, suggesting that the Empire was only good so long as it was useful to South Africa. He declares that the South African nation can fully develop local patriotism as a national instinct within the Empire from which it derives its free constitution.

#### THE TARIFF QUESTION.

##### MR. F. E. SMITH'S PLEA.

London, December 21.  
Mr. F. E. Smith, speaking at Dudley, said that he and his colleagues on the Front Opposition Bench unanimously endorsed the tariff policy of Mr. Bonar Law, who never said that the decision on the question of food taxes would be left to the Colonies. It was never proposed to abdicate the responsibility which the Home Government always owed to the people. Mr. Bonar Law had pointed out that it would be impossible for any Government to introduce Imperial Preference proposals without protracted consultation with the representatives of the Colonies, in order that they should tell us authoritatively what they considered vital in the carrying out of the policy. Mr. Smith urged any disaffected Unionists to await developments and not divide the Party in a time of crisis.

#### MR. WHITELAW REID.

##### REMOVAL OF THE BODY.

London, December 21.  
The remains of the late Mr. Whitelaw Reid were removed with full military honours. The coffin was enveloped in the United States flag and then placed on a gun carriage, the escort being composed of cavalry and infantry and a band of pipers. Many Americans were present. Crowds watched the progress of the cortege from the U.S. Embassy to Victoria Station and respectfully saluted it. The coffin was later was placed on board the cruiser Natal.

Naval honours were accorded the dead Ambassador, minute guns being fired from H.M.S. Victory, while the shipping had their flags half-masted.

#### AFFAIR ON STEAMER.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, three Chinese seamen were charged with being concerned in the robbery, with violence, of \$150 from a member of crew of their ship the "Petchaburi."

It was stated that the boatswain had the money upon him in notes to be distributed among the crew as wages. The three defendants came up to him and asked for their wages, but the boatswain said he would have to change the notes into subsidiary coin before he could pay them. They then assailed him and the first defendant took the notes. Two seamen came to assist the boatswain but were stabbed by the second and third defendants, one of them having to be removed to the hospital.

The third defendant was fined \$10 and the others were discharged.

Inspector of Telegraphs.  
Mr. R. P. Wheat, who is Inspector of Telegraphs in the Philippine Islands, has arrived in the colony to-day.

## TELEGRAMS.

### THE CONGO.

#### SOURCE IN N. RHODESIA.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 21.  
Lieutenant Graetz has telegraphed to Berlin from Sakania, in Belgian Congo, that it has been proved that Chambezi, in Northern Rhodesia, is the source of the Congo River.

#### AN AIRSHIP EXPEDITION.

He announces his intention of organising an Anglo-German airship expedition to explore New Guinea.

#### ITALIAN CONVENT.

##### Distribution of Oxford Certificates.

This morning, at 10 a.m., His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni distributed the Oxford Certificates to the pupils of the Italian Convent. As soon as he entered, Miss Bettie Elias played a piece; then some children of the Kindergarten Class sang "The Mariners" and one little child, Cissie Hoyley, recited a poem. Then His Lordship handed the Oxford Certificates to—

Senior: Marie Carmen Braga.  
Junior: Lam Ching Ling; Lucie Leuchung.

Preliminary: Phoebe Christina Bowen, Vivienne P. Bowen, E. Maria Figueiredo, Leong Yai Ngan, Constance E. Martin, Hannah I. Murray.

The Reports of the First Period Examinations were afterwards handed to the pupils of the various classes together with the distinctions they had gained in different subjects. Then His Lordship addressed the Sisters and Pupils in the following words:—

"Rev. Mother, Sisters and Children:

I have just performed the very pleasant duty to me of handing to the pupils of this School the Certificates which the girls have won at the Oxford Local Examinations held in July last. I am sure they will prize the medals which the Rev. Mother has asked me to distribute to them and which I hope they will keep as souvenirs of their successes at School.

Good as these results have been, and upon which I congratulate both the girls and their teachers, I hope these working in the present scholastic year will try hard to reward the efforts of their teachers with a number of passes at the examination next July that will place the Italian Convent School high in the list among the successful Schools in Hongkong in the Oxford result.

I will now touch briefly upon the Report of the Director of Education on the working of the School as a whole. From that Report I gather that such subjects as Composition, Geography and Dictation, the Director of Education has been pleased to state have been very good, and Grammar from good to very good.

Taking as I do, a large interest in this School, and having as I cannot fail to have, the welfare of you all at heart, I must say that I congratulate you most heartily upon the Director of Education's flattering Report on the subjects I have just mentioned.

I am glad to think that you have kept well in mind the advice Sir Frederick Lugard each year gave you, when he was here, upon the importance and value of a sound knowledge of English subjects. Year after year we see, even in Hongkong, the field for labour broadening out for young ladies. Whereas, ten or fifteen years ago, cases were only very exceptional in which girls worked side by side with their brothers at desks in the same offices, now-a-days it becomes also a common sight to see young ladies taking their active part in helping their

## TELEGRAMS.

### THAMES IRONWORKS.

#### WORKS CLOSED DOWN.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 21.  
The Official Receiver has notified the closing of the Thames Iron Works to-day.

The closing of the Ironworks will likely cause much unemployment in the East End. The Chairman, Mr. Arnold Hills, however told the men to cheer up. He was confident there was a happy New Year yet in store for them.

#### aged parents or dependent relatives to work for the daily necessities of life. As the struggle for existence becomes greater in China, as it has now been for years and ten of years in Europe and America, you will find that you will not be able to get on so well without the knowledge which you are trying to acquire now in your school days.

No less important than English is Arithmetic, and I am sorry to find that Mr. Wood considered it only good in Classes 7 and 8 and poor to fair in Classes 4 and 5. Teachers should see that the pupils make up their minds to earn distinction in Arithmetic also. In offices as at home, it will not do to be able to read and write correctly if you are weak in sums. To be able to be good at Domestic Economy you must be correct at figures. I know girls do not take to figures as a rule, but if they are going to help mother and see that the cook or the houseboy does not run away with too much of the father's earnings and leave nothing over for the Savings Bank at the end of the month, then they must begin now to make up their minds to be clever at Arithmetic too.

I end by wishing that you may all spend a Merry Christmas, taking pleasure that will conduce to your material and spiritual happiness. May you all spend your holidays in such a manner as to return to school full of renewed energy and cheerful as ever, with a mind to work and well during the second School Period. Now, children and teachers alike, once more a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Miss E. Figueiredo thanked His Lordship for his kindness, then all the pupils sang: "Vigilant Dio." The little entertainment ended with "God save the King."

#### A Heavy Mail.

The s.s. Luetzow, which arrives from Shanghai to-morrow, will have on board the American mail, ex the s.s. Mongolia, the remaining portion of the Siberian mail from London of November 29th and 30th, as well as the Siberian mail from London of the 4th inst.

Christmas Party.  
On Saturday H.M. Dockyard Recreation Club, are giving a Children's Christmas Party at the V. R. C. Gymnasium. The proceedings include an afternoon concert, tea, and a distribution of presents from the Christmas tree, Engineer Lt. Smith is acting as Father Christmas.

#### Death of Mr. Crane.

We regret to announce the death, which took place, at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, of Mr. A. Crane of the Taikoo Sugar Refinery. Mr. Crane had been suffering for some time before he was removed to the hospital where an operation was deemed necessary. The deceased leaves a widow in England and for whom much sympathy is felt. The deceased was formerly in the service of the Government. He was also well known as a good rifle shot and a keen follower of lawn bowls. Yesterday the flag was half mast at Quarry Bay. The interment took place at 4.45 p.m. to-day.

## TELEGRAMS.

### INSURANCE ACT.

#### DOCTORS STILL ADAMANT.

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London, December 22.  
The Representative Council of the British Medical Association, after a protracted discussion, has rejected the Government's final terms under the Insurance Act, and decided to establish an alternative system of industrial practice.

#### NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

#### TELEGRAMS.

##### THE NEWS CONDENSED.

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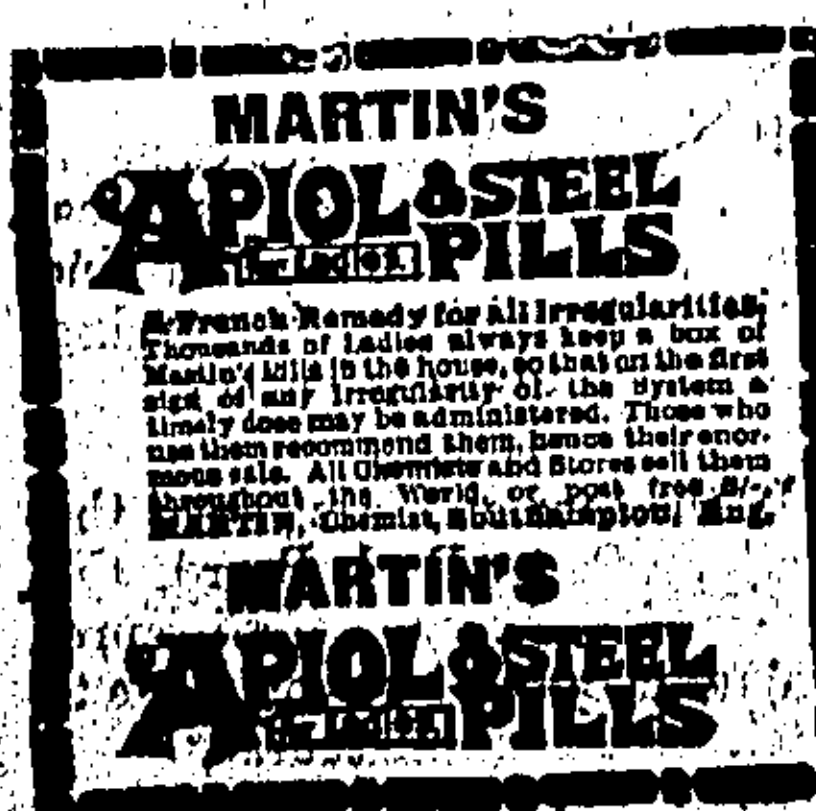
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## OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

South China Morning Post.

Playgoers and Their Pleasures.  
There is certainly much to com-  
mend the proposal, (the formation  
of a Playgoers Society) for even  
though charitably inclined, quali-  
fied persons have been tempted  
to criticise in harsh terms the  
gifts and efforts of "artists"  
who have strenuously sought to  
entertain the public. The standard  
set was not a very high one  
for many years; circumstances  
make it impossible for a company  
of "principals" or star artists to  
tour the East. We have been  
content to see the performances,  
but have in our hours of medita-  
tion contrasted them with those  
witnessed in some of the cities of  
England. Hongkong has paid  
cheerfully for its pleasure, and  
will doubtless do so again, but  
this is no reason why co-operative  
effort—directed by a Playgoers'  
Club—should not tend to vastly  
improve the standard of entertain-  
ment by encouraging excellent  
organisations from all parts to  
visit the East.

Daily Press.

A Regrettable Attitude.  
To pass from great things to  
smaller, though none the less  
significant, the passing of the  
dragon emblem is a loss that will  
mean a great deal to Chinese art  
and decoration, unless, as seems  
not improbable, it finally survives  
and remains irrevocably associat-  
ed with China. Although the Man-  
chu Emperors sat on the dragon  
throne, wore dragon robes, and  
finally "mounted the dragon to be-  
come guests on high," the fabulous  
creature was not by any means a  
Manchu importation, but has play-  
ed an important part in China  
from the earliest times and has  
formed the motif of some of her  
finest specimens of art. The  
ruthless extermination of the past  
that we have noticed in these two  
instances may be traced in many  
other matters—a notable ex-  
ample is the attempt, a few  
months ago, to abolish the  
celebration of Confucian an-  
niversaries—and in all there is  
the same danger to be feared.  
One of the most precious assets  
any country can be endowed with  
is a well storied past, a past rich  
in the histories of great and  
noble men. No country is saved  
or becomes great by its laws or  
commerce or military prowess  
alone; there must be behind all  
these a true national spirit and a  
feeling of pride in one's country,  
and this applies with especial  
force to a State made up of hetero-  
geneous elements, as China is.

China Mail.

Education in The Colony.  
We feel sure that the statement  
made by H. E. the Governor in  
his interesting little speech on  
Thursday at the Prize Distribu-  
tion to the pupils of Victoria  
British School would be read by  
all Foreigners, and particularly  
British parents in the Colony,  
with very much attention. The  
remark of Sir Henry May  
which would especially ap-  
peal to them would be  
of course the following:—  
"I think that we in this Colony  
by "we" I mean the official "we"  
—pay rather too much attention  
to the education of other people's  
children and too little to the edu-  
cation of the children of our own  
people." That this statement is  
true is regrettable; but the re-  
gret, we feel sure, need no longer  
be felt after the above remark,  
for to all appearance the Gover-  
nor has the matter in view, and a  
remedy of the regrettable state of  
affairs may be, we hope, confi-  
dently anticipated.

Judge Attacked at Ichang.

The "N. China Daily News"  
Ichang correspondent writes on  
December 7:—Last night while  
a case implicating a soldier was  
being tried at the Court of Justice,  
the Judge gave a decision un-  
favourable to the accused and  
many of his soldier friends at  
once attacked the Judge and beat  
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## GENERAL NEWS.

**Torture at Hanyang.**  
The "O. O. Post" says that torture was used in a trial at Hanyang the other day to extort confessions from two thieves. The torture system was nominally abolished before the end of the Manchu dynasty.

**Knowledge of Baseball useful.**  
Helen, Mont, November 2.—Charged by a wounded deer and unable to use his rifle which had jammed, Mr. Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington American League team, saved himself from probable serious injury by his oldtime skill as a pitcher. Seizing a stone the size of a baseball, he threw and struck the animal on the head, felling it. He then killed the deer with the butt of his gun.

**Strike on Canadian Pacific.**  
Winnipeg, Manitoba, November 5.—Fifteen hundred employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway are on strike to-day, demanding a wage increase of from 15 to 20 per cent. The men who went out are members of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, and are composed principally of clerks in the freight department. The company claims the places of the strikers will be filled by to-night. The system west of Fort William, Ont., to the Pacific Coast also is affected.

**Separation of Civil Authority.**  
The "N. China Daily News" states that the Shanghai Prefect has received an order from Tzutuh Chen, of Nanking, to effect that inasmuch as peace and order have been restored, the separation of civil authority from the military is essential. The President has appointed Mr. Yin Teh-hung to be Administrator of Kiangsu, and the Tzutuh has handed over matters of a civil nature to his control, so all orders on civil affairs issued by him in the name of Tzutuh, shall be regarded as issued by the Civil Administrator, who, in future, shall have independent authority over civil questions.

**A Quaint Collection.**  
Washington, November 12.—Aged, musty text books, no matter how begrimed or dilapidated, are wanted by the United States Bureau of Education. The Bureau has issued an appeal to those who may have some relics from the days of the "little red school house," and who might be induced to part with their keepsakes. The intention is to make a collection of rare textbooks and to add to the existing pedagogic library which the Bureau hopes to build up until it is the best equipped authority of its kind in the English-speaking world.

**Awards to Chinese Firms.**  
The official list of awards at the International Exhibition of Turin has now been issued. While the International Superior Jury specially appointed to revise the awards proposed by the special juries has used considerable discrimination, thus avoiding as far as practical the recommitments common to similar exhibitions, the list includes not less than 30,000 names. Among the Chinese firms or individuals to whom prizes were delivered, is the Han-Yeh Ping Iron and Coal Co., to which was given a Grand Prix. Those interested may see this list at the office of Dr. Livio Silva, 89 Broadway.

**Monroe Doctrine Substitute.**  
Washington, November 9.—Latin-American diplomats are discussing to-day the attack on the Monroe Doctrine made yesterday by Dr. Manuel de Oliveira Lima, of the Brazilian legation, at the luncheon given in his honour by the Pan-American Union. Dr. Lima frankly said that the countries of the western hemisphere were utterly opposed to the doctrine, not that they did not appreciate the protection of the power of the United States, but that they were resentful of the assumption by this country of the power of a protectorate. He offered as a substitute the communal opposition of the nations of the western hemisphere against encroachment on the principles laid down by President Monroe. The distinguished Brazilian has discussed international politics of the western world before a score of universities in this country, and after filling lecture engagements at Harvard and Yale, he will sail for Rio Janeiro on Nov. 20.

## SERVICE MATTERS.

**Midshipmen's Annual Exam. Abolished.**  
The Admiralty have directed that the annual examination of midshipmen is to be abolished. No examination was therefore held last month.

**R.G.A. Instructor at Colombo.**  
Captain H. G. Sargeant, R.G.A., has been appointed Gunnery Instructor of the company in Colombo, Ceylon, in succession to Lieut. R. V. Douglas who went home some time ago. Capt. Sargeant is coming out from Chatham and arrives in Colombo by the middle of next month.

**Albert Medal for Colour-Sergeant.**  
The King has conferred the Albert Medal of the Second Class being upon Colour-Serg. John William Henderson, 1st Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, in recognition of his gallantry in saving life on the occasion of an explosion at the Laboratory, Delhi Fort, on April 24 last, when, at imminent risk to his own life from further shell explosions, he entered the premises and rescued a Leascar, after which he returned to the danger zone to render further aid if possible.

**A Military Degree.**  
For some time past the General Staff have been looking anxiously to the Universities to play a more prominent part in the officering of the Army and the Auxiliary Forces. There are encouraging signs of a response in a general inclination to forward the study of the military science, by means of lectures and otherwise. It is understood that University College, London, has taken a step further in the required direction by the institution of a degree in military science. The syllabus for the June course for the first year—which will be available for these sitting for the intermediate examination next summer, and for those who are candidates for commissions in the Regular Army—includes tactics, map-reading, and field-engineering; and for the second term, applied tactics and field-sketching. Any move in the direction of raising the standard of military education in the Army, and the provision of a reserve of really intelligent officers, is to be commended.

**The New Naval Appointments.**  
With regard to the more important offices, it had already been stated when he left the Admiralty last December that Vice-Admiral Sir George Egerton was to get the Plymouth command when it became vacant. It is, however, somewhat of a surprise to find that Admiral Sir Alfred Winslow, who assumed command in China in March, 1910, is to be relieved by a rear-admiral. This is an indication, perhaps, that the Eastern Fleet will in future be under the supreme command of the admiral flying his flag in the Australian Squadron. Apparently, also, the post of Chief of the War Staff may become an annual appointment, and in future be held by an officer of higher rank. Rear-Admiral E.C.T. Troubridge, who takes command of the Mediterranean Cruiser Squadron, is to be relieved by Vice-Admiral Sir Henry B. Jackson, from the Naval War College. This change creates a vacancy with is to be filled by Rear-Admiral the Hon. Sir Alexander Bethell, who left the post of Naval Intelligence to take up that of the Commander-in-Chief in the East Indies, where he is to be relieved by Rear-Admiral R. H. Peirse, recently Director of Naval Target Practice. Rear-Admiral David Beatty, who is to command the First Cruiser Squadron, will also have been just a year in January the Naval Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, in which post he is to be succeeded by Rear-Admiral D. De Chair, who was to last year the Naval Assistant to the Controller of the Navy. Vice-Admiral Sir F. S. Ingfield, who is to be relieved by Vice-Admiral A. M. Farquhar, who has held the appointment of Admiral commanding the Coast-guard and Reserves since December, 1909, and the other changes are generally called for by the regulations fixing the period of the command, although in one or two instances an officer goes from the appointment he is now holding to a better one, which is all in the direction of giving longer experience at sea to the rear-admirals in command.

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## REWARD.

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## H. M. S. DEFENCE.

Departure From Colombo for the West.

The "Times of Ceylon," of November 30 has the following regarding H. M. S. Defence which, it will be remembered, passed through Singapore, under sealed orders, Westward-bound, about the middle of last month. Apparently she has not been in such a hurry to leave the precincts of the Colombo break-water as she was to depart from Tanjong Pagar wharf:—

Since Friday, November 22, H. M. S. Defence has been in the harbour awaiting orders. Only six months ago she proceeded to the China Station and was at Wei-hai-Wei undergoing her annual gun practice. The officers and men were just getting used to the place and becoming acclimatized, when the war broke out in Turkey. The Defence received orders to quit Chinese waters in five hours. When the sealed orders were opened directions were found that the ship was to sail to Colombo and there await fresh orders. There were many conjectures on board as to what the future work of the vessel would be. Would she be going to the Mediterranean to fight the Italians? or the Austrians or the Germans? were among the questions which were asked and which, naturally, pending the orders which were to be received at Colombo, remained unanswered.

For a period of nine days the Defence has been awaiting "orders," and we had almost come to regard the ship in the same light as the poor—always with us. Two troopships were in the harbour yesterday—the Rohilla, carry 1,131 units for Southampton, and the Soudan with 925, bound for Bombay, where more time expired soldiers would be taken on board. A correspondent suggested in our columns that the Defence may be the escort to these two troopships, but up to the time of their arrival no disquieting news had been received. So the Soudan sailed by herself for Bombay yesterday afternoon, the Rohilla got under way last night for her destination, and the Defence still remained within the shelter of the harbour breakwater.

The Defence has earned for herself the appellation of the

"mysterious warship." With a view to ascertaining whether any definite information had been received as to her forthcoming departure, a Times of Ceylon representative boarded her this morning and sought out Commander Douglas W. Hamilton Gordon. "The public of Colombo have shown an extraordinary interest in your arrival and the fact that you have been so long awaiting orders, in view of the war in the Near East. Can you give any information as to when you will sail, and whither?" the representative asked.

With sailor-like directness and precision came the answer: "We sail at four o'clock this afternoon, bound for the Mediterranean. And whether we shall get there or not we don't know."

The scene on board was one of quiet preparedness. There was no rushing about and nothing to indicate that anything out of the ordinary was going to happen. For eventualities the ship had been prepared. It will be remembered that we have already stated that the men were not allowed ashore except for a short period. All were aboard this morning and the only thing that remained to be taken up was the gangway. And so we lose our "mysterious warship."

The ship steamed out of the harbour exactly at four o'clock, the ship's band playing several well-known songs, concluding with "Say au revoir, but not goodbye" and "Auld Lang Syne." The other warships in the harbour saluted her, and the band on H.M.S. Newcastle also played "Auld Lang Syne."

## Consular Change.

The German Consul-General at Yokohama has been appointed Minister to Abyssinia. Herr von Syburg was appointed Consul-General at Yokohama on February 21, 1903, and with the exception of a brief interval in 1909, when Herr F. Thiel, now Consul in Kobe, was in Yokohama as Acting Consul-General, has represented his country's commercial interests in Yokohama for nearly ten years.

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### THE LABOUR LEADER.

We stated, the other day, that the South Wales Miners' Federation at Cardiff had decided by 1,053 votes to 601—each vote representing fifty members—that the salary of their agents should be reduced from £4 to £3 a week. On this subject Mr. C. B. Stanton, a miners' agent—and consequently a sufferer by the new rule—has been disburthening his soul in one of the Home papers, and it is only fair to concede that he makes out a tolerably good case for the agitating fraternity. We do not, of course, accept the initial idea that the paid agitator is in any way needful or desirable; but, if he were, we should feel decidedly sorry for Mr. Stanton and his like, for they appear to be very much between the devil and the deep sea.

No one supposes that all labour-leaders are necessarily rogues and humbugs. We all know that there are scoundrels among them—creatures who are too lazy to do an honest day's work and are astute enough to know that, by exploiting the British workman, (who, as we have often had occasion to observe, is the most gullible being on earth) they can live in idleness. But, in addition to this amiable group, there are two others. (1.) the hard-headed workman with more brains and insight than his fellows, who sees an opportunity of bettering his own condition, not—be it understood—by merely living on their credulity, but by giving them what he honestly considers to be their money's worth in speech-making, organising etc., and (2.) the more fanatical type who firmly believes in the working man's grievance and considers himself specially ordained by Providence to banish that grievance. This type is undoubtedly the least mercenary of the three and would be willing to—in fact often does—do his agitating entirely at his own expense.

For the first-mentioned variety of agitator, no punishment can be too severe, for he is feathering his nest out of the workman's hard-earned earnings, not caring a button if the workman himself starves. For the third group we would suggest kindly restraint, for, with the best will in the world, they make bad worse at every turn and do more harm with five minutes' tongue-wagging than a year's careful legislation can undo. With the middle group we own to a sneaking sympathy. Such men have few illusions themselves and they rarely seek to humbug those whom they represent; more often than not, they are fair-dealing persons who work even harder at their adopted calling than they would have done at their own trade. They have to try to please everyone; the merest sign of readiness on their part to see the other side of the question is construed by their followers as vacillation or even treachery; at any moment they are liable to be roundly abused by both sides, and altogether their three or four pounds a week are very hardily gained. The best advice we can give them is, instead of grumbling at their decrease in wage, to seek some more satisfactory calling. No one asked them to set up in the agitating line of business and they would do well to get clear of it. The next thing we look to hear is that the strike-leaders themselves have gone on strike for a higher wage.

### "The Play's the Thing."

The suggestion, emanating from Shanghai, to form a confederation of Playgoers' Clubs in the Far East, has much to commend it. Hongkong, it is often alleged, has an especial fondness for musical comedy, but the attendance at "The Ideal Husband" last week (to go no further back) indicates that Hongkong has a large public which takes a strong interest in legitimate drama. It seems safe to assume that an active local Playgoers club would do much to develop that interest, while co-operation between a number of such clubs should result in fairly regular visits from companies of really good class. The scheme has much to be said for it and we hope to hear shortly that Hongkong has taken it up. There is plenty of material in the Colony for the formation of a society which would perform a really useful service.

### The Admiral Bridgman Case.

As we observed the other day, it seems well nigh impossible to get at the exact facts surrounding the resignation of Vice-Admiral Bridgman. The discussion has brought about a good deal of bitterness in the House, but there is one feature of this which we cannot reasonably regret. At the present moment (whatever may be the merits of the case) we have the edifying spectacle of a man whose sole knowledge of naval matters has been derived from text-books, blue-books and hearsay, occupying the position of First Lord of the Admiralty, and contradicting, and laying down the law to, a man like Lord Charles Beresford, who is old enough to be Mr. Churchill's father and has grown grey in the sea-service of his country.

### Every Man to His Trade.

Mr. Winston Churchill may be an excellent politician; he may have been a clever—if fanciful—war-correspondent; but it will be a long time before he persuades the mass of the British people that he can teach men like Admirals Beresford and Bridgman how a navy should be controlled. The same kind of thing has also happened at the War Office, time and again: Officers such as Lord Kitchener have been instructed in warfare by civilians who scarcely know butt from muzzel, and the conduct of a whole war has been left in the hands of ministers who never saw anything very serious in the way of fighting in their lives. Is it not about time that ruling positions at the Admiralty and the War Office were restricted to men of experience?

### The Tariff Muddle.

It is a thousand pities that, at a moment when unity above all else is needed among those who are opposed to the present Liberal Government, the complex tariff question should once again be thrust into the foreground of politics at Home. And what is more to be regretted still, is the fact that the more Unionist speakers explain the matter, the greater becomes the confusion. We note that Mr. F. E. Smith, endorsing the policy of Mr. Bonar Law, says the latter never stated that the decision on food taxes was to be left to the Colonies. The full text of the speech has, of course, not come East yet, but the following sentences from Mr. Bonar Law's historic utterance are taken from the summary supplied by Reuters:—"If the Colonies do desire such an arrangement, there will be no food taxes. If they consider them non-essential for preference, then, also, they will not be imposed." These are words, surely, which it is impossible to misconstrue. One other point. Mr. Smith urged dissentient Unionists not to divide the Party in a time of crisis. Who, we would like to know, is dividing the Party but Mr. Bonar Law, by his new declaration, and other opposition Front Benchers who support it? They are the men who are creating all the trouble.

### A Head Wound.

A Chinese has been removed to hospital from the Western district suffering from a wound on the head, said to have been inflicted by another coolie. The latter, it is alleged, was about to loot some of his employer's cargo and when the injured man tried to prevent him he inflicted a wound on the head with a cargo hook.

### DAY BY DAY.

A great many people have no ideals at all; they have only appetites.

H. M. S. Kent.

H. M. S. Kent came out of dock to-day, and moored at the man-of-war anchorage.

Departed.

Mr. F. Lieb was among the passengers who left for the North by the Chiyo Maru.

The s.s. Kueichow.

The s.s. Kueichow came out of dock to-day after overhaul, looking spick and span.

Admiral Li.

Admiral Li, accompanied by his wife, was a passenger by the s.s. Chiyo Maru, for the North.

Child Abandoned.

A small child found abandoned in the Hung Hom district, has been sent to the Italian Convent.

The "Patria."

The "Patria," Commander Jose Carvalho Crato, has arrived from Macao and will remain in harbour for a few days.

German Cruiser Arrives.

The German cruiser Emden steamed into harbour yesterday from Foochow, and will remain here for a fortnight.

Ferris Hartman Company.

The Ferris-Hartman Company is due to arrive on the morning of Christmas Day and is to open at the Theatre Royal on the 28th.

Depositing Rubbish.

A Chinese was fined \$7 by Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court, this morning for depositing rubbish in the street at West Point.

Christmas Mail Delivered.

The English mail which left here on November 23, carrying the Christmas parcels, was delivered in London on the 21st inst.

Change of Run.

The s.s. Kueichow, usually on the Hongkong-Tientsin run, leaves for the Philippines to-morrow, taking the place of the Tean, at present in dock for overhaul.

Disabled Vessel.

The s.s. Keong Wai, from Bangkok, reports having taken in tow from Hoihow to Hongkong the steamer Woughoi, the latter boat having broken her screw shaft on the voyage from Hoihow to Singapore.

Caught at Last.

In October, 1910, a man was sent to gaol for six weeks, but whilst in the ante-room he escaped. On Sunday morning he was arrested in Hung Hom, and this morning he was remanded by Mr. Hazeland.

Stolen Saddle.

A Chinese was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and four hours' stocks at the Police Court to-day for stealing a riding saddle and stable utensils from Kennedy's stables, the property of Mr. Gresson, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Children's Sports.

Our readers are reminded of the Children's Sports at Kowloon on New Year's Day. There is still time left in which to subscribe, and the "Telegraph" list is still open. All subscriptions received will be acknowledged in our columns.

Allan Wilkie Company.

The Allan Wilkie Company, which created so favourable an impression here recently, is due to return early next month. The company will open on January 7 with Sydney Grundy's play, "A Bunch of Violets," and the season is to extend during ten nights, with one matinee.

Serious Charge Against Woman.

A woman was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, with unlawfully receiving bank drafts etc. representing \$28,000. Mr. Goldring, of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morrell, who defended, asked for a remand and this was granted, bail in \$500 being allowed.

Victoria Theatre.

It was hardly conceivable that the enterprising management of the Victoria Theatre would allow Christmas to pass over without introducing some special feature into their programme of entertainment, and on Boxing Day a special matinee will be held at which prizes will be drawn for, as it were, over \$500 worth of toys and sweets has been provided by the managers and each person in the Theatre will receive a ticket, the duplicate of which will be retained. The tickets will be drawn on the stage, and the winning numbers announced. The feature should prove a great draw and a treat to the children.

### THE BOYCOTT.

Yesterday's Free Rides.

There was no dearth of passengers by the cars yesterday; in both first and third class compartments free rides were granted to all and sundry. The sampan boys and the poorer members of the Indian community had the treat of their lives, for many of these gave the impression that they were indulging in a car ride for the first time.

It should be gratifying to the Tramways Company, however, to find that the free rides were appreciated in great measure by the very people for whom these were intended; those who have been terrorised out of riding by car. Yesterday these seemed to find safety in numbers and we noticed a very considerable number of adult Chinese of various grades riding to and from the market. To-day it is the same thing, and one is glad that those who pooh-poohed the idea of the free rides as merely giving an opportunity to children and Europeans of riding cheaply, are now proved to be mistaken.

Sir Kai Ho Kai on the Situation.

Sir Kai Ho Kai, interviewed by the "Telegraph" on the boycott, emphasised the anxiety of the leading Chinese of the Colony to see peace restored.

"I would like to make it quite clear," he said, "that we wish to do everything in our power to back up the Government. I think my remarks at the meeting at Government House and, later, at the Chinese Commercial Union established that fact, and I hope the Press will continue to feel the same confidence in us as it has expressed in times past."

"When the Governor invited us to meet him last week, I was not in a position to speak as forcibly as on Friday, when I met the Chinese Commercial Union. On the latter occasion, as you have heard from other Chinese, I 'let myself go,' and I am hopeful that what I said will bear good fruit. I explained to those present the exact attitude of the Government, and showed that H.E.'s sole wish, in taking a firm stand, was merely to preserve peace and order in the Colony; that it was no desire of his to make laws that would be in any way oppressive. I reminded them that, at one time or other, in every government or country, it was necessary to employ rigidly repressive measures where political or industrial troubles arose; that the Governor would fail in his duty to the British people if he neglected, under present circumstances, to act with unflinching decision, and that they must not think that any animosity was felt towards them as Chinese."

Legal Tender.

Following upon this, Sir Kai Ho Kai quoted the speech which H. E. had delivered to his Chinese guests, and then proceeded to touch on the alleged causes of the boycott, demonstrating how utterly hollow were the excuses that had been advanced for it. Legal tender was legal tender, and there was an end of it. An English sovereign was a good coin, but no Englishman could demand that it should be accepted by a Hongkong tradesman, any more than he could force a shop-keeper to take (say) the old Siamese coins or a handful of shells. Similarly, Chinese coin was good—but it was not legal tender in this Colony.

He then explained the effect which the new ordinance would have. Some might contend that the innocent would be liable to suffer for the guilty, but he had H. E.'s assurance that the very fullest enquiry should be made, in every case, and that every person who came up for examination would be afforded ample opportunity to clear himself and to show that he had taken no active part in the boycott. But those present must bear in mind that, when once the new law was enforced, the Chinese who have big interests in Hongkong would suffer considerably; and the sooner the boycotters were made to understand this the better. Loyal Chinese would not consent to see their business suffer, just to please a few disorderly persons, and—if for this reason alone—the leading merchants were determined to support the Government. Their homes were here, their money was invested here, and they hoped to lay their bones here.

here in the new Aberdeen cemetery; everything, in fact, argued in favour of their standing up for their rights against the men of their own blood who were seeking to deprive them of those rights.

The Real Losers.

The speaker then touched on the money side of the boycott. The Tramways Company would be compensated by the Government; then how would the boycott hurt the Company? The Chinese themselves would be the losers, because that compensation would have to be collected by the Government in the form of increased taxation; so that the people whom the Chinese boycotters were injuring, were their own compatriots and not the British at all. By that means bitterness would be aroused, and all brotherly feeling, sympathy, good will and readiness to help in time of need, on the part of the leading Chinese, would be alienated.

He would remind them that the Chinese of Australia, the Straits and Hongkong had been the first to offer substantial help to China during the Revolution, and that, even in times of peace, the Chinese British subjects had been more than ready to help their poorer brethren in Kwangtung with money. How many millions of destitute people in China had been supported lately by Chinese who are making their money in Hongkong! If the malcontents brought about the destruction of Hongkong prosperity, they would bring misery to thousands in this colony and to millions throughout China.

The Free Rides.

The Tramways Company had now very generously come forward with an offer of free rides for three days. This was anything but a sign of weakness; on the contrary, it showed the Company's understanding of the Chinese temperament, and the authorities were seeking—by paying a kindly compliment to those who were the dupes of the agitators—to give them an opportunity of retiring gracefully from the boycott.

Henceforth, whenever the Chinese felt that they had a grievance against the Government, instead of seeking to take the law into their own hands, they must approach their lawful representatives—the Chinese members of the Legislative Council. Whenever this had been done in the past, matters had invariably been brought to a satisfactory issue. Here the speaker gave various illustrations as to how the British Government had listened patiently to all complaints and had sought to redress all grievances. If, on the other hand, the merchants sought to act for themselves, he warned them that proceedings would be taken which they would not relish. Force must be met by force. That would be a bad day on which law-abiding Chinese had to band together against their own brethren; but, in support of the Government, they were prepared to do so.

Hongkong and Canton.

In conclusion, Sir Kai pointed out that the boycotters were now inflicting a grave injustice on the new Government at Canton. Since the Revolution, the eyes of the world had been on China and, if this boycott continued, the Canton Government would assuredly suffer in loss of sympathy, of prestige and of that more substantial help which it so much needed. He would also draw attention to the fact that this was a British Colony and that Englishmen had a right to expect the law of their Empire to be obeyed. China just now was very indignant at the idea of Russian encroachments; might not Europeans have the same right to protest against the encroachments of Chinese subjects?

Asked as to the effect of his speech, Sir Kai Ho Kai said that he sincerely felt that it had struck home. "Another thing that I urged upon the merchants," he said, "was that each should do his own little part in spreading our views on the matter, and in seeking to dissuade everyone against the boycott. If each of my hearers addressed ten men, and each of those, another ten, and so on, the Chinese, throughout the Colony, would very soon understand how their representatives felt, and they hoped to lay their bones here."

### FORGED NOTES.

Hongkong Police make a Great Haul.

On Saturday afternoon a sensational arrest was made by the Hongkong Police, of six Japanese who were found in possession of many thousands of dollars worth of forged notes on the Kwangtung Military Government. The facts were briefly reported in the "Telegraph" on Saturday.

The arrests were made by Mr. King (Assistant Superintendent of Police), chief Detective Inspector Collet, Inspector Murison, and Detective Sergeant Grant. The coup is stated to be one of the greatest that has been made in the Colony.

Mr. Chan Kiang Wa, chief of police in Canton and his staff, co-operated with the British authorities in the investigations made preliminary to the arrests.

The arrested men, who looked well-to-do, were brought to the Central Police station. Their luggage was of decidedly good manufacture. In two steamer trunks were found many packages of forged notes and a small handbag was packed solidly with them.

When the men were searched, very little money was found on them, their belongings consisting chiefly of watches and cigarettes.

Some of the captured luggage was labelled "Sano Hotel, Kobe," and it is understood that the men came from there to Canton, and thence to the colony. It is stated that the total face value of the notes is \$53,020.

### THE PAPAL BLESSING.

There was a good attendance at last Mass at the Church of the Rosary, Kowloon, yesterday, when Bishop Pozzoni dispensed the Papal Blessing to the congregation.

His lordship besides dispensing the Blessing, also celebrated Mass; preached the sermon, and officiated at Benediction.

In the course of his sermon, Bishop Pozzoni exhorted his hearers to observe Christmas rather than to celebrate it. This was a period of the year when those who accepted the Incarnation of Jesus Christ should be in a state of Grace, and so commemorate the event which meant so much to the world. In dispensing the Papal Blessing, his lordship said that he had been empowered by His Holiness the Pope, whilst in Rome, to tender to the people of Hongkong his Blessing, and if they visited the Vatican themselves the Blessing they would receive from the Pope would be exactly the same as they were about to receive that morning from him on behalf of the Pope. This was no mere formality, and brought with it indulgences which the receivers would benefit by did they accept them in the spirit the Holy Father meant them to be received.

The congregation then knelt down and with impressive ceremony his Lordship dispensed the Blessing.

### "AN IDEAL HUSBAND."

The concluding performance of "An Ideal Husband" was perhaps the most successful of the three. The house was crowded, and the audience, from first to last, was most enthusiastic. The play ran very smoothly indeed, except for one slight hitch, the principals showing every confidence and enhancing the already fine reputations they had gained. The bouquets presented to the ladies of the company were numerous, and the three performances may be set down as hugely successful.

Dismissed.

A Chinese charged before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court, this morning, with being in unlawful possession of opium on board the s.s. Paul Beau, was dismissed.

Jumped from a Verandah. A coolie has been removed to hospital suffering from injuries through jumping from the verandah of a house which the police were raiding as an opium den.

Alleged Wounding on Steamer. A man, according to the police report, been removed to hospital suffering from an ugly knife wound in the side, alleged to have been caused by two men on a steamer.



## LOCAL SPORT.

## FOOTBALL.

## R. G. A. Versus the Club.

Saturday's game on the Military Ground on Saturday, between the R.G.A. and the Hongkong Club, had a remarkably exciting finish. The Club was leading until thirty seconds from the final whistle, when one of the halves had the misfortune to place the ball into his own goal through kicking at a ball that would have gone wide of the net, and in consequence equalising for the soldiers.

The Club lacked the services of Hamilton, through an injury to his knee which he received in the match played two days before, and Stalker played in his place. Brown appeared in the forward line again, playing centre with Pennell inside left. In the second moiety, however, they changed places.

From the kick off the soldiers took up the aggressive but there was very little finish about their play and their shooting was far from good. The Club defence was too keen to be fooled, and the match appeared as though it would be a very even one. Once Barlow was applauded for a save that was worthy of all the praise it received. The Club did not mean to remain idle and very soon arranged a dangerous incursion into the goal area of the R.G.A. There was no result from the first one, however, and a second was also fruitless but in the third the Club had their determination crowned with success. Wilson cleverly intercepted a clearance from one of the backs and nicely passed it to Benton who in turn placed Pennell in possession the latter finding the net with a very fine cross-shot. The Club were not content with this goal, however, and did their best to augment the score but though they had their full share of honours in the exchanges that took place up to the interval they could not penetrate the goal a second time. The score at half time was: Hongkong Club 1 goal, R.G.A. nil.

The second half was very evenly contested, the soldiers putting in all they knew to get level but they found the Club defence a bit too cute for them. The Club realised too that the soldiers defence had quickened a bit and they were forbidden too much of their own way in the quarter in their custody. The R.G.A. were very poor at shooting, however, and their chances of equalising suffered in consequence of their poor marksmanship. It was within the last thirty seconds of the game that calamity befel the Club. One of the halves in making a flying kick at a ball which was sent in, twirled it into his own goal. The Club took the fatal accident well and tried again to score, but time was too short, and they had to be content with a draw in a game which, in truth they had won. Final score: The Club 1 goal, R.G.A. 1 goal.

**SATURDAY'S CRICKET.**  
High scoring was the order of the game on Saturday between the Hongkong C.C. and the Garrison, played on the former's ground. Over 300 runs were scored during the afternoon while three scores of fifty and over were made by Capt. Crawford, Major Bowen not out, and A.C.E. Elborough. The Garrison declared at 200 for six, against which Hongkong put up 139 for 4, leaving the game a very open draw. The scores were as follow:—

The Garrison.  
Capt. Crawford, c. H. Hancock, b Anderson ..... 52  
Capt. Robertson, l.b.w., b Dodwell ..... 20  
Lieut. G. de Houghton, c Thursfield, b Anderson ..... 31  
Lieut. Paris, b Fowler ..... 3  
Major Bowen, not out ..... 54  
H. Matthews, st. H. Hancock, b Anderson ..... 27  
Major Currie, st. H. Hancock, b Dodwell ..... 3  
Lieut. Bagnall, Lieut White, the Rev. Foster-Pegg, and Lieut. Veitch did not bat.....  
Extras ..... 10

Total (for 6 wickets).....200  
Bowling Analysis.  
O. M. R. W.  
S. H. Dodwell..... 11 1 46 2  
R. Hancock..... 6 1 20 0  
D. E. Donnelly..... 3 1 18 0  
D. N. Anderson..... 14 2 72 3  
E. A. S. Fowler..... 7 1 14 1  
J. S. Lloyd..... 3 0 20 0  
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## BANKRUPTCY COURT.

## Twelve Cases Dealt with This Morning.

This morning the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, sat at the Supreme Court in Bankruptcy Jurisdiction, when, altogether, twelve cases were dealt with.

Mr. H. Niebet appeared as Official Receiver.

In the case of Wong Ming Cho, a compradore, an order of adjudication was made and the Official Receiver was appointed trustee.

During his public examination, which followed, debtor said that last year he received sums amounting to Tls. 5,309 and this year \$1,050. His liabilities amounted to \$115,000 odd, and he attributed his insolvency to loss of business, bad debts, and loss on property at Hongkong.

The Official Receiver:—Weren't you speculating in cotton?—No.

Mr. Jackson, of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master:—Did you not sell in May last four houses in Sai Yung Poo?—Three houses. I had a half share in the property.

How much did you get?—\$13,000.

What have you done with that money?—Paid my creditors who were pressing me hard.

Have you \$5,000 out on mortgage on a piece of land at Fong-chun?—Only \$3,000, and no written deed.

Have you been repaid that money?—No.

You have not disclosed that to the Official Receiver?—I disclosed the actual debt but not the interest. The public examination was closed.

## Losses over Contracts.

On the creditors' petition Lai Sing, a building contractor, was adjudicated bankrupt and the official receiver was appointed trustee.

Lai Sing, under examination, put his liabilities at \$30,000 and attributed his insolvency to losses over contracts, and inability to obtain the money on them.

The public examination was closed.

In re the affairs of E. J. Da Silva Loureiro, the Official Receiver said that this was the debtor's petition. At the meeting of creditors, no resolution was passed, and therefore he asked that the Official Receiver should be appointed trustee, and debtor adjudicated bankrupt.

The application was granted.

In the witness box, the debtor said he was a clerk earning \$250 per month and he was paying in instalments \$50 a month.

His liabilities amounted to about \$1700, and he attributed his insolvency to misfortune, and borrowing money which he could not repay.

The public examination was closed.

Sheeko Abdool Rashed, a chauffeur, was adjudicated bankrupt, and the Official Receiver was appointed trustee.

Debtor, in answer to Mr. Niebet, estimated his liabilities at about \$500. His salary was \$50 a month, and he was undertaking to pay \$15 a month to his creditors.

The examination was closed.

Chan Tung Shan, of the Yu Fung Lung firm, did not appear for public examination.

"There Were Assets."

In the case of Leung Koon-kee alias Leung Koon-kee, trading as the Yick Lung Firm, Mr. Grewe, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, who appeared for the principal creditors, said that the debt on which the petition was filed was one of \$857 for money lent and that the act of bankruptcy was the service of a notice of inability to pay the debt. There were assets, the main one being funds in an insurance business in Hongkong.

The Official Receiver having no objection, an adjudication order was made.

Chan Leung, otherwise Chan Leung-kee, a contractor, against whom an adjudication was made, explained in public examination that his position was due to losses on contracts on the public roads of Hongkong, through excessive rains of last year and the increased cost of labour.

The human hair case had an echo in the matter of in re Hu Kwan Shan.

Mr. Hind, appearing for the petitioning creditor, asked for an order to be made, and the Official Receiver having no objection, the request was granted.

Defendant was discharged.

In the case of the Sin Leung firm, Mr. Niebet said the debtor had absconded. There was not statement of affairs; a meeting of creditors was held; no resolution was passed, and he asked for the debtor to be adjudicated bankrupt and the Official Receiver to be appointed trustee.

The case of Tang Sun Kee was adjourned until the next sitting.

## A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Alleged Theft of Tin from the Assaye.

Two men were charged by L. S. Wills before Mr. C.E. Melbourne, and the Police Court, this morning, with converting to their own use twenty five blocks of tin, valued about \$2,500, entrusted to them by the P. and O. company from their ship the "Assaye."

Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who prosecuted, asked for a formal remand. He opposed bail.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada asked for bail as he was representing the two defendants, who pleaded not guilty.

His Worship suggested \$1,000.

Mr. D'Almada said that his clients were only boatmen and the police had their licence and had detained their boat for some time.

Mr. Lewis thought that no less a sum should be fixed.

His Worship said that the charge was a serious one.

Mr. D'Almada said that they could put anything on the charge sheet. When the case was heard it would be found that there was nothing against his clients.

His Worship fixed bail at \$1,000 stating that Mr. D'Almada could renew his application for a reduction of bail if the amount could not be found.

## STOLE A GAS BURNER.

A sentence of six weeks' imprisonment and four hours' stocks was passed by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, on a man who stole a gas burner, from a latrine in Connaught Road Central.

Inspector McDonald asked for a heavy penalty as the Government had lost thousands of dollars through this practice.

His Worship said he was sorry he could not order a whipping.

## BOAT PEOPLE FINED.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court this morning, two boat people were charged before Commander Basil Taylor with disobeying the lawful orders of the Harbour Master by anchoring their junks to the west of Prosperine Rocks on Dec. 22.

They were each fined \$10.

A boatwoman who carried 4 persons in excess of the number allowed by her licence on Dec. 22 was fined \$7.30, while another who committed a similar offence, with five extra passengers, had to pay a like sum.

For unlawfully depositing rubbish in the harbour and for failing to stop her boat when called upon, a woman on a fishing junk was fined \$5.

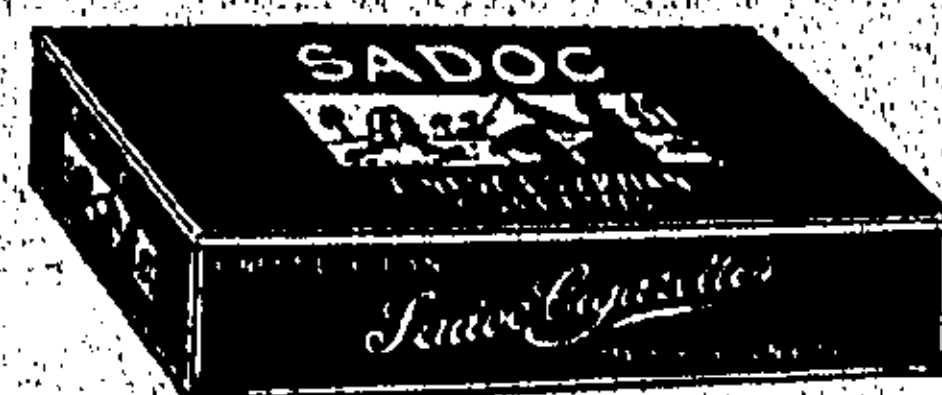
## SOLDIER DISCHARGED.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, a private in the Army Ordnance Corps was charged with doing damage to the extent of \$1.50 in Spring Garden Lane, by upsetting a tea tray which was being carried by the complainant.

European Constable 127 said that about 11.30 p.m. he was on duty in Spring Garden Lane, and he saw the defendant and the complainant on the top of the steps in Sampan Street. Defendant was arrested and taken to No. 2 Police Station. Defendant was not drunk, though he probably had a drink or two.

Defendant said a boy was coming along with a tea tray containing toast and other things. He took a piece of toast from the tray. Complainant threw the lot over him, then ran away and blew a police whistle. Three policemen came and one asked him if he was prepared to pay \$1.50 for the damage. He replied that since the tray was thrown at him he would not pay. He was then arrested.

Defendant was discharged.



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Mr. W.B. Hind appeared for the petitioning creditor, and Mr. W.E.L. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacon Looker and Deacon, on behalf of the firm.

Mr. Shenton said:—In this case I represent the debtor. There is a notice of opposition on the file denying the debt and denying the act of bankruptcy. I have a certificate here from Dr. Davenport of Canton to the effect that Mr. Arndt is suffering from acute neurasthenia and is under medical treatment. He has been ordered to take a rest for a considerable period.

His Lordship:—Where is Arndt? Mr. Shenton:—In Canton; I have the certificate here.

Mr. Hind:—I have no objection to the petition being adjourned until next time.

His Lordship pointed out that the petition mentioned the name of another partner in the firm and it was explained that that gentleman was at present away from the Colony on leave.

The proceedings are accordingly suspended.

## WRESTLING.

## A Challenge.

We have had a challenge from Hersh, of H. M. S. Otter, who wishes to challenge any welter or middleweight wrestler in the Far East. The style to be catch-as-catch-can; winner to secure best two out of three falls; and the match to take place under the auspices of the promoter putting up the best purse.

## HEAVY BAIL.

A Chinese who said he was employed as a shroff at the Alexandra Cafe, was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning with stealing \$6.45 from a house.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner, who defended, asked for a remand.

Inspector McDonald asked for bail to be fixed at \$500.

Mr. Gardiner said the bail was prohibitive.

His Worship said that the defendant must have friends in the Colony, if he was a shroff, and in all probability was born in the Colony.

Mr. Gardiner:—All the more reason why bail should not be prohibitive.

His Worship eventually remanded the case and fixed bail at \$300.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—  
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

Destination	Steamers and Displacement	Sailing Dates
EUROPE &c.....	KAMO MARU Capt. F. L. Sommer, T. 16,000	WEDNESDAY, 1st Jan., at daylight.
EUROPE &c.....	AKI MARU Capt. B. Kou, T. 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOB, YOKOHAMA, OHI, & YAMAGUCHI	AWA MARU Capt. Shimizu, T. 12,500	TUESDAY, 31st Dec., at noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TONGAREVA and BRISBANE	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine, T. 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
N'SAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi, T. 9,500	WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAGA MARU Capt. Tabusa, T. 12,500	THURSDAY, 2nd Jan., at 11 A.M.
CALOUTTA via Spore, Penang and Rangoon	COLOMBO MARU Capt. Kawashima, Tons 6,000	SATURDAY, 28th December.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CEYLON MARU Capt. Tazawa, T. 12,000	MONDAY, 23rd December.
	HAKATA MARU Capt. H. Nomura, T. 12,500	MONDAY, 23rd December.

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## PASSENGER SEASON FOR 1913.

## FOR EUROPE.

Steamer	Tons displacement	Leaving H.K.
Mishima Maru	15,000	29th January.
Kaga Maru	12,500	12th February.
Atsuta Maru	15,000	26th February.
Elisaki Maru	13,000	12th March.
Miyasaki Maru	16,000	26th March.
Kilano Maru	16,000	9th April.
Iyo Maru	12,500	23rd April.
Hinano Maru	16,000	7th May.
Tango Maru	13,500	21st May.

## FOR AMERICA.

Steamer	Tons displacement	Leaving H.K.
Inaba Maru	12,500	11th February.
Shidzuka Maru	12,500	25th February.
Tamba Maru	12,500	11th March.
Awa Maru	12,500	25th March.
Sado Maru	12,500	4th April.
Yokohama Maru	12,500	22nd April.
Inaba Maru	12,500	6th May.
Shidzuka Maru	12,500	20th May.

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T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

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For	Steamers	To SAIL
TSINGTAU, WEIHAWEI & CHEFOO.....	"HANGCHOW" .....	24th " 4 P.M.
HAIPHONG.....	"SINGAN" .....	24th " 10 A.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO.....	"KUEICHOW" .....	24th " 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, SAMARANG & SOUBABAYA.....	"NINGPO" .....	24th " 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI.....	"CHENAN" .....	26th " 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI.....	"LINAN" .....	28th " M'night.

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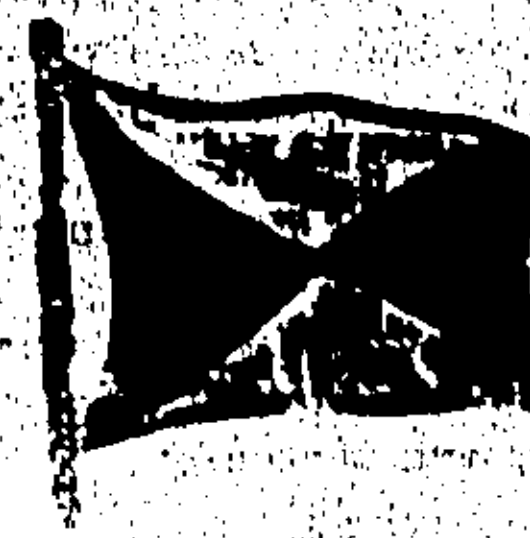
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Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
ZAFIRO ...	4000	F. E. Cross	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	FRIDAY, 27th Dec., 4 P.M.
RUBI ...	4000	J. Miller	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	TUESDAY, 7th Jan., 4 P.M.

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Hongkong 7th December, 1912. [14]

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Tikiiki ...	JAVA ... 2nd half Dec.	SHANGHAI ... 2nd half Dec.	
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Tikiiki ...	JAPAN ... 2nd half Dec.	JAVA ... 1st half Jan.	
Tikiiki ...	JAVA ... 2nd half Jan.	JAPAN ... 2nd half Jan.	
Tikiiki ...	JAPAN ... 1st half Jan.	JAVA ... 1st half Jan.	
Tikiiki ...	JAPAN ... 1st half Jan.	JAVA ... 1st half Jan.	
Tikiiki ...	JAVA ... 1st half Jan.	JAPAN ... 1st half Jan.	
Tikiiki ...	JAPAN ... 1st half Jan.	JAVA ... 1st half Jan.	
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Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Nippon Maru" ...	11,000	A. G. Stevens	Jan. 1st, Noon.
S.S. "Tenyo Maru" ...	21,000	E. Bent	Jan. 17th, Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru" ...	21,000	E. S. Smith	Feb. 11th, Noon.

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Sorews. All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office. The steamer "Chiyo Maru" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 21st Dec., at Noon.

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Kiyo Maru ...	17,500	Saturday, February 1, Noon 1913.
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Hongkong Maru ...	11,000	Wednesday, June 4, Noon.

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\* Persia ... 9,000 " " Jan. 28th, at 1 p.m.  
\* Korea ... 1,8000 " " Feb. 4th, at 1 p.m.

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From HONGKONG.	Arrive	Leave	Due
Leave Hongkong.	Manila.	Manila.	Hongkong.
Feb. 25 CHINA	Feb. 27	Feb. 21 MANCHURIA	Feb. 23
Mar. 18 NILE	Mar. 21	Mar. 8 NILE	Mar. 10
Apr. 15 PERSIA	Apr. 17	Mar. 16 MONGOLIA	Mar. 18
May 13 CHINA	May 15	Apr. 5 PERSIA	Apr. 7

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## LOG BOOK.

## Customs Returns.

From the July-September issue of the Customs Gazette, which has just been published, a few of the figures may be of interest, as showing in outline the results of the past quarter. Shanghai shows a total collection of H. K. Tls. 2,909,589 as compared with Tls. 2,470,402 in the corresponding period last year. Opium duty accounts for Tls. 132,808 and opium lixin for Tls. 331,719 as against Tls. 29,588 and Tls. 75,368 respectively last year. The tonnage of vessels entered was 2,300,980 as compared with 2,261,876, and cleared 2,329,489 as against 2,331,170.

At Hankow the total collection was Tls. 912,508 as compared with Tls. 1,085,701 last year.

At Tientsin the figures are (1912) Tls. 883,487 and (1911) Tls. 900,583; at Canton Tls. 764,523 and Tls. 837,716; and at Changsha Tls. 58,001 and Tls. 154,134.

Captain Grathorne, R. N. R. The Board of Trade have appointed Captain W. C. Grathorne, R. N. R., lately holding a command in the Cunard line and formerly well-known as chief officer of the Mauretania, as a member of the Liverpool Local Marine Board thus filling the vacancy created by the death of the late Captain Edmund R. Peel. Capt. Grathorne is a member of the Management Committee of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild in which capacity he actively identifies himself with the efforts of the body in promoting the interests of the nautical profession. Another member of the Management Committee of the Guild, Captain J. T. W. Charles, O.B., R.D., R.N.R., of the Lusitania, has lately been added to the Board and Davis Committee on the request of the President of the Board of Trade, thus strengthening the Committee very materially in respect to actual seafaring experience, and the findings and recommendations of the committee will thus command all the greater importance.

Japan and Panama. The "Financialist's" Commercial correspondent writes:—The opening of the Panama Canal, or one of its direct results, as seen on the Stock Exchange, has raised the value of Hawaiian securities. The Hawaiian Islands lie about halfway on the sea route between America and the Far Eastern ports of Asia. These islands belonging to the United States, along with the Panama Canal, constitute, at least in the Eastern half of the Pacific Ocean, the means of communication with lines extending in several directions to the Asiatic coasts. To go from the coast of North America to the ports of Japan takes fast passenger steamers 16 to 20 days, in view or which a stoppage half way for renewal of fuel and fresh water becomes a necessity for ordinary steamers. As owners of the Hawaiian Islands, the United States are chiefly interested in the position. Japan, however, cannot remain indifferent to such a situation, as she lays claim to a large share of influence in the Pacific. It is stated in Yokohama that the United States have fully decided to equip the Hawaiian Islands efficiently for the services that will be expected of them after the canal is opened. It is looked upon as purely chance that the United States should have acquired this territorial advantage over Japan. At the same time, this advantage increases the importance of the Panama Canal and constitutes it not only a door between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, but in the strict sense of the term a water tunnel connecting America's great sea routes. In Yokohama it is apprehended that the opening of the canal will involve a tremendous revolution in both land and sea freights affecting America.

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## Next Sailings from Hongkong:

OUTWARD.	HOMEWARD.
S.S. ARMENIA ..... 22nd Dec.	For Marseilles Havre & Hamburg; S.S. SEGOVIA ..... 23rd Dec.
ALTMARK ..... 3rd Jan.	For Havre Bremen & Hamburg; S.S. ALESIA ..... 24th Dec.
SILESIA ..... 14th Jan.	For Rotterdam, Bremen & Hamburg; S.S. BRASLIA ..... 11th Jan.
SUEVIA ..... 27th Jan.	For Havre & Hamburg; S.S. SAMBIA ..... 16th Jan.
O. J. D. AHLERS ..... 11th Feb.	For Rotterdam, Bremen & Hamburg; S.S. FURST BULOEW ..... 21st Jan.
SPEZIA ..... 26th Feb.	For Bremen & Hamburg; S.S. ARMENIA ..... 5th Jan.
SENEGAMBIA ..... 10th March	For Havre & Hamburg; S.S. ALTMARK ..... 5th Feb.
SITHONIA ..... 23rd March	For Marseilles, Bremen & Hamburg; S.S. GOLDENFELS ..... 7th Feb.

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## EASTWARD.

The S.S. "PULHAR," 4104 tons gross, Capt. H. Chiller will be dispatched for YOKOHAMA & KOBÉ on the 14th January, at daylight taking cargo and passengers at current rates.

## WESTWARD.

The S.S. "OKARA," 5211 tons gross, Capt. E. R. Hirst, will be dispatched for SINGAPORE, PENANG and RANGOON on the 12th January, at noon, and will be followed by the S.S. "UPADA," 5257 tons gross, Capt. Logan, sailing hence on or about the 20th January 1913 at noon, taking cargo at current rates.

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1912.

## LOG BOOK.

## The New Thames Tunnel.

The new foot tunnel between North and South Woolwich marks an important stage in the history of that part of the Thames. The opening occurs at a time in the year when the need of a tunnel is most felt, for it was constructed mainly because of the inconvenience by fog, which frequently brings about a complete stoppage of the ferry service, thus preventing workmen and others from crossing the river. During 1900 to 1907 the ferry was suspended owing to fog for a total of 833 hours, or an average of 104 hours per year. The stoppages occurred during the early morning, when workpeople had to cross the river to their work. So great has been the inconvenience caused by the dislocation of the ferry service that many employers of labour were forced to give preference when engaging men to those who had no need to cross the river. The thickness of the river bed above the tunnel is about ten feet. The tunnel has taken over two years to complete, although the actual tunnel length was started in December, 1910, and finished in October, 1911. Access to the tunnel is obtained by lifts holding 40 persons each, and also by spiral staircases. London has now five passages under the river, Brunel's tunnel, between Rotherhithe and Wapping, now used by the railway, which took eighteen years to construct, was opened for traffic in 1843, and the other four have all come into use within the last fifteen—Blackwall in 1897, Greenwich 1902, Rotherhithe 1908, and Woolwich 1912. But it is more than a century since a project was put forward for constructing a tunnel under the Thames. In 1798 it was proposed to build one at Gravesend, but the scheme was abandoned. Other schemes were brought forward in subsequent years, but Brunel was the first to succeed where others had failed. For many years there was a subway at the Tower, it was begun in 1869, and when first opened passengers were conveyed on vehicles drawn by steam engines.

After a time, however, this was abandoned, and those who used the subway had to walk. The tunnel was closed in 1897. Blackwall tunnel cost a million and a-half. The Rotherhithe tunnel cost £1,000,000, and that at Greenwich £180,000. Blackwall and Rotherhithe tunnels are for vehicular traffic as well as foot passengers.

## Light Destroyed by Sailing Ship.

At 2.30 this morning, says an Adelaide report, dated November 17, the Wanga Shoal Lighthouse, a structure 80 ft. high, situated a short distance from the Semaphore jetty and near the Outer Harbour, was destroyed by the sailing ship Dimsdale which came up the Gulf and entered the Semaphore anchorage without the services of a pilot. Both persons on the lighthouse were drowned. Nothing was left standing except a few broken piles. Fortunately it is not the custom at the Port Adelaide light station for keepers, wives and families to reside with them, otherwise the death toll would have been more serious. The Dimsdale bears evidence of the collision on her stem and on her port and starboard bows. All the South Australian lighthouses and those from Fremantle to Brisbane were promptly informed of the disaster and asked to communicate with ships bound to Port Adelaide, informing them of the calamity. Captain T. B. Richardson (chief pilot) went off to the Dimsdale early this morning. She was lying within a quarter of a mile to the north of where the lighthouse had stood. Captain Jones said that his vessel had taken a sheer and had run into the lighthouse. Asked whether the light was burning brightly he replied in the affirmative, and stated that he had not signalled for a pilot, as he did not want one. The accident, he said, happened at 2.32 a.m. He lowered a boat to search for the occupants of the demolished lighthouse, but no body could be seen. In view of the pending inquiry he did not wish to make any further statement. He remarked, however, that he had been a master and mariner for 35 years, and this was his first mishap. At the

## VESSELS TAKING CARGO.

## European Ports.

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London and Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Sicilia	P. & O. Co.	25 Dec., about
Havre and Hamburg, &c.	Alesia	H. A. L.	24 December
do do do	Sambha	H. A. L.	11 January
Bremen, and Hamburg, &c.	Brasilia	H. A. L.	5 January
Mexico, Peruvian and Chili via Japan	Kiyo Maru	T. K. K.	1 February
Cape Ports via Mauritius	Danerio	Bank Line	Begin January
Copenhagen and Baltic Ports	Canton	A. N. & Co.	15 January
Trieste, Fiume, Venice via Singapore, &c.	Persia	S. W. & Co.	31 Dec., about
Naples, Genoa, Algiers, Gibraltar, Southampton	Luetzow	M. & Co.	25 December

## New York, San Francisco and Canada.

New York, via Suez Canal	Schuykill	Bank Line	30 December
New York via Ports and Suez Canal	Swazi	S. T. & Co.	9 Jan., about
San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Nile	P. M. Co.	31 December
do do do do	Mongolia	P. M. Co.	7 January
Victoria, Vancouver, &c.	Oakley	Bank Line	End of December
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Japan, &c.	Tacoma Maru	O. S. K.	28 December
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Keelung, &c.	Panama Maru	O. S. K.	4 January
Victoria, B.C., and Seattle via Shanghai, &c.	Awa Maru	N. Y. K.	31 December
Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Empress of India	C. P. R. Co.	11 January
Vancouver	Monteagle	C. P. R. Co.	8 March

## Australia.

Australian Ports	Changsha	B. & S.	4 January
Australian Ports via Manila	Prinz Waldemar	M. & Co.	28 December
do do do	St. Albans	G. L. & Co.	4 January

## Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tjitaroom	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tjunahi	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Thongwa	D. S. & Co.	27 December
Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta	Colombo Maru	N. Y. K.	28 December
Singapore, Samarang and Sourabaya	Borneo	B. & S.	24 December
Kudat and Sandakan	Ningpo	M. & Co.	Middle of January
Japan	Tjiluwong	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Yokohama and Kobe	Tjimanook	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	Pullala	J. M. & Co.	14 January
do do do	E. F. Ferdinand	S. W. & Co.	30 Dec., about
Kobe and Moji	Vorwaerts	S. W. & Co.	30 Dec., about
Kobe and Yokohama	Arratoon Appear	D. S. & Co.	30 December
do do do	Coblentz	M. & Co.	7 Jan., about
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Kaga Maru	N. Y. K.	2 January
Anping and Takao via Swatow and Amoy	Nikko Maru	N. Y. K.	15 January
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Sosho Maru	O. S. K.	25 December
do do do	Haiyang	D. L. & Co.	24 December
do do do	Haiching	D. L. & Co.	27 December
do do do	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	31 December
do do do	Kaijo Maru	O. S. K.	1 January
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. & Co.	28 December
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Kueichaw	B. & S.	24 December
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Zafiro	S. T. & Co.	27 December
do do do	Rubi	S. T. & Co.	7 January
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Dilwara	D. S. & Co.	24 December
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Carmarthenshire	J. M. & Co.	14 Jan., about
do do do	Dumbas	M. M. Co.	30 December
do do do	Altmark	H. A. L.	3 January
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Sunda	P. & O. Co.	26 Dec., about
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Prinz Ludwig	M. & Co.	28 Dec., about
Shanghai	Tilatap	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjibodas	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjikini	P. M. Co.	Quick despatch
do	Koerber	S. W. & Co.	5 January
do	Koonshing	J. M. & Co.	24 December
do	Chenan	B. & S.	28 December

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FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE  
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## THE Steamship

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Hongkong, 16th Dec., 1912. [592]

time of the disaster a moderate south-east wind was blowing. That would be a fair wind for a sailing vessel approaching the Semaphore anchorage. The Dimsdale arrived from Bahia, Brazil, somewhat unexpectedly in ballast for orders. She has been to Port Adelaide on several

## To Sail

Hongkong—New York.



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FOR NEW YORK via SUEZ  
CANAL.  
HONGKONG-NEW YORK  
(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast)  
British S.S. "SWAZI"  
on or about 11th January, 1913.  
For freight & further information, apply to  
FEBWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 2nd Dec. 1912. [587]

previous occasions for wheat. The cost of the structure so sensationally demolished by the Dimsdale was \$20,000, including \$3,500 for a lantern manufactured by Chance Bros., of England. It was built in 1800-1 and stood in 18 ft. of water at low tide. It flashed every 20 seconds, and had a range of visibility of 17 miles.

## To Sail

R.M.S. "DUNOTTAR CASTLE,"  
The above steamer of 5,687 tons register and classed 100 A.L. at Lloyd's, having superior first class passenger accommodation, fitted with wireless telegraphy, electric fans in all staterooms, and carrying first class passengers only, is due at Hongkong on the 18th inst., and will leave for Yokohama direct the following day. She will return here on THURSDAY, January 2nd and sail for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon, Calcutta, Madras, Colombo, Bombay, Suva (for Cato), Port Said, Messina and Marseilles on MONDAY, January 6th 1913.  
A number of vacant first class berths are available at moderate rates, and special accommodation can also be booked if required. For further particulars please apply to—  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 12th Nov., 1912. [844]

AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.  
FOR NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL.  
(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast).  
THE Steamship  
"SCHUYKILL"  
will be despatched from this port on 30th December.  
For Freight and further particulars, apply to  
THE BANK LINE, LIMITED  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 19th Dec., 1912. [587]

The P. & O. s.s. Sicilia, due here at daylight on Thursday, 24th inst., will leave for Marseilles, London and Antwerp at 10 a.m. on the following day.

MOVEMENTS OF  
STEAMERS.VESSELS ADVERTISED TO  
DEPART TO-MORROW.

For	Vessel
Pakhoi,	Singan.
India,	Mausang.
Macao,	Sui Tai.
Philippines,	Kueichow.
Tsingtau,	Hangchow.
Singapore,	Ningpo.
Hamburg,	Alesia.
Shanghai,	Koonshing.
Foochow,	Haiyang.

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO  
ARRIVE TO-MORROW.

From	Vessels
Shanghai,	Lutzow.
Japan,	Sicilia.
Muroran,	Oakley.
Moji,	Thongwa.

## AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. s.s. Nippon Maru, left San Francisco for Hongkong via usual ports on the 7th inst. and is due here on the 31st inst.

The P. M. s.s. Korea, arrived at San Francisco on the 16th inst.

## FRENCH MAIL.

The s.s. Ernest Simons will not leave Shanghai before the 25th inst. and is expected to arrive here on the 28th inst.

The M. M. s.s. Ernest Simons, with the outward French mail, will leave for Europe on the 28th inst., at 7 p.m.

The M. M. s.s. Caledonien, with the outward French mail, will leave for Europe on the 31st inst., at 1 p.m.

## GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Ludwig, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 27th ult., left Colombo on the 15th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on the 26th inst. p.m.

## AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. and A. str. St. Albans, from Sydney, left Port Darwin on the 2nd inst. for Timor, Manila and Hongkong.

The E. and A. s.s. Eastern, left Sydney on the 18th inst. for this port via Queensland and ports, Port Darwin and Manila.

## MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. Shimosa sailed from New York on the 24th ult., for Far East, via the Straits.

The str. Kansas, passed the Suez Canal on the 3rd December, and is due here on or about 3rd January.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru, arrived at Honolulu from Manzanillo on the 19th inst. and is due in Hongkong on the 18th January.

The I. M. G. s.s. Coblentz, left Sydney on the 14th inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about 6th January.

The Indra Line s.s. Indramayo, from New York, is due at Hongkong on the 23rd inst. She passed Canal on the 26th ult.

The s.s. Thongwa, from Shanghai and Kobe, left Moji on the 20th, and may be expected here on or about the 24th inst. a.m.

The I. G. M. s.s. Borneo, has left Sandakan on Thursday the 18th of Dec. at p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday the 27th of Dec. at noon.

The P. & O. s.s. Sicilia, due here at daylight on Thursday, 24th inst., will leave for Marseilles, London and Antwerp at 10 a.m. on the following day.

The s.s. Oakley, left Muroran on the 14th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 24th inst.

The s.s. Fitz Clarence, sailed from Moji on the 21st inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 26th inst.

The s.s. Orterio, sailed from Moji on the 20th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 25th inst.

The Silk ex O.S.K. s.s. Mexico Maru, which left Hongkong on the 12th ult., was delivered in New York on the 19th inst.

## VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.  
Andree Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 2,673 tons, Hamburg, 20th Dec.—Gen.—S. W.  
Chihli, Br. s.s., 1,143, McGarity, 16th Dec.—Wuhu, 10th Dec., Rice—B. & S.  
Chip Shing, Br. s.s., 1,199, Mooney, 13th Dec.—Canton, 12th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.  
Clara Jensen, Ger. s.s., 1,103, A. P. Uderup, 13th Dec.—Canton, 12th Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.  
Dilwara, Br. s.s., 3,460, W. J. Bishop, 21st Dec.—Singapore 15th Dec.—Gen.—D. S. & Co.  
Empress of India, Br. s.s., 5,940, A. Hailoy, 21st Dec.—Vancouver, B.C., 28th Nov. Mail & Gen.—C. P. R. Co.  
Erviken, Nor. s.s., 1,400, Angensen, 19th Dec.—Canton, 18th Dec., Coal—M. B. K.  
Haiching, Br. s.s., 1,267, W. C. Passmore, 15th Dec.—Swatow 14th Dec.—Gen.—D. L. & Co.  
Halvard, Nor. s.s., 1,056, C. Andersen, 21st Dec.—Bangkok and Hoihow 20th Dec., Gen.—Chinese.  
Hangchow, Br. s.s., 999, G. Morse, 20th Dec.—Chefoo 14th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.  
Hanoi, Fr. s.s., 739, G. Bonnier, 12th Dec.—Haiphong via Pakhoi, 10th Dec., Gen.—A. R. Marty.  
Hanyang, Br. s.s., 1,296, J. Cogan, 19th Dec.—Tientsin 12th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.  
Hoihow, Br. s.s., 987, McCulloch, 10th Dec.—Amoy 7th Dec., Ballast—B. & S.  
Kauchow, Br. s.s., 1,217, Monkman, 14th Dec.—Swatow 13th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.  
Koby, Br. s.s., 1,168, Ballast, 12th Dec.—Manila 5th Dec., Gen.—E. Bassa.  
Kueichow, Br. s.s., 1,215, Cole, 13th Dec.—Canton, 12th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.  
Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,320, Wawn, 5th Dec.—Saigon 22nd Nov., Gen.—Wo Fat Sing.  
Liberia, Ger. s.s., Schroeder, 14th Dec.—Shanghai 11th Dec., Gen.—H. A. L.  
Namesang, Br. s.s., 2,591, H. E. Gilroy, 14th Dec.—Japan, Coal and Gen.—J. M. & Co.  
Petchaburi, Br. s.s., 1,372, Goserwisch, 19th Dec.—Sourabaya 8th Dec.—Sugar—J. C. J. L.  
Pheumphen, Br. s.s., 1,066, Scott, Saigon 14th Dec., Gen.—Wo Fat Sing.  
Seang Dee, Br. s.s., 3,784, Travis, 10th Dec.—Rangoon via Singapore 4th Dec., Gen.—S. L.  
Singan, Br. s.s., 1,047, Robinson, 20th Dec.—Haiphong and Pakhoi 18th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.  
Sosho Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,119, L. Tashiro, 21st Dec.—Swatow 20th Dec., Gen.—O. S. K.  
Suisang, Br. s.s., 1,760, Payne, 15th Dec.—Java 5th Dec., Sugar—J. M. & Co.  
Tacoma Maru, Jap. s.s., 5,000, T. Hamada, 20th Dec.—Manila 18th Dec., Gen.—O. S. K.  
Tamarao, Br. s.s., Macdonald, 19th Dec.—San Francisco Bulk oil—S. O. Co.  
Teau, Br. s.s., 1,374, A. W. Outerbridge, 20th Dec.—Manila 17th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.  
Vladimir, Rus. s.s., 3,197, Kamlehansky, 17th Dec.—Odessa and Singapore 8th Dec., Gen.—Lukmanoff.  
Wingsang, Br. s.s., 1,517, Lishman, 21st Dec.—Ohnkang 20th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.  
Yokohama, Jap. s.s., 1,140, per 18th Dec.—Fork and Gen.—ALEXANDRA CAFE CO.







## COMMERCIAL.

## Messrs. Setna's Report.

Mo. srs. S. D. Setna & Co.'s Fortnightly Report states:—  
Bengal Opium:—We have to report another quiet fortnight, and the Chinese are not buyers at present. No sales are reported. Clearances, 5 Chests of Patna New, 38 Chests of Patna Old, 14 Chests of Benares New, and 3 Chests of Benares Old, in all about 60 Chests. Unsold stock, 245 Chests of Patna New, 1846 Chests of Patna Old, 305 Chests of Benares New and 310 Chests of Benares Old, in all about 2506 Chests. Sold but uncleared stock, 57 Chests of Patna New, 626 Chests of Patna Old, 89 Chests of Benares New, and 73 Chests of Benares Old, in all about 845 Chests. No quotations can be given at present.

Malwa Opium:—A decline in prices induced some business, and sales were reported in 11 Chests New at \$2650 to \$2675, and 37 Chests old at \$2700 to \$2725, in all about 48 Chests. Clearances about 70 Chests. Shipments about 25 Chests. Unsold stock about 845 Chests. Uncleared stock about 71 Chests. Closing quotations:—New \$2650/2675; Old \$2700/2725.

Silk: A moderate business transpired. Quotations:—Taslee No. 1 \$780; Taslee No. 1 \$750; Taslee No. 1 \$740; Taslee No. 1 \$610; Taslee No. 1 \$680; No. 2 \$680 for L.S.; No. 2 \$670 for S.W.C.; No. 2 \$645 for K.W.; No. 2 \$590 for C.W.C.; No. 2 \$640 for L.S. in Diamond.

Cotton:—Owing to higher prices ruling in America as well as dearer in India, prices show an advance, but no business resulted. A small parcel was, it is reported, shipped to Japan.

Yarn:—Owing to the dearth of raw material and the higher prices ruling in the market, the importers showed less inclination to sell their holdings at lower rates, hence prices were well maintained, and sales were reported of about 1300 Bales comprising of 30 Bales of No. 6s; 450 Bales of No. 10s; 550 Bales of No. 12s; 150 Bales of No. 16s; and 150 Bales of No. 20s. Unsold stock, about 13000 Bales. Sold but not cleared stock, about 35000 Bales.

Local Mill:—Sold are reported of 101 at \$127, and 12s at \$133, of about 300 Bales.

Sundries:—In Imports a good business is reported in Angkor from \$2 to \$17 (per picul), Mavei at \$7 to \$13 (per picul), Kismis at \$15 to \$21 (per picul), Borneol at \$115 (per picul), Ooplate at \$90 (per picul), Senna Leaves at \$8 (per picul), and Bezoar Stone at \$135 (per catty). In Exports purchases were made in Cassia and Oil at \$130 to \$200 (per picul), Galangal at \$55 (per picul), Dry Ginger at \$10 to \$11 (per picul), Staranised Oil at \$400 to 475 (per picul), Turmeric at \$8 (per picul), and Zedoary at \$10 (per picul).

## United States Currency Reform Proposals.

New York, November 28:—The new currency reform proposals, which were approved yesterday by the sub-committee on Banking and Currency in the House of Representatives, and which are said to meet with the approval of Dr. Woodrow Wilson and the Democratic leaders, have been discussed with lively interest in banking circles, where the idea of monetary legislation being taken in hand prior to the revision of the tariff seem to meet with much support. The new plan would appear to savour of the Aldrich proposal except for a radical feature which makes the Treasury Department the fiscal agent of the divisional organisations and national banks, and makes it the seat of the ultimate note-issuing authority instead of a central bank or any such institution. The most interesting part of the discussion is a hint of a clash between the so-called "Bryan" and "anti-Bryan" elements on the question of Government notes versus bank notes. The New York Times and the Journal of Commerce in their editorial comments this morning make this a pregnant issue. They vigorously denounce Mr. Bryan for his historical as well as for his alleged present views on the monetary questions. Congressional hearing, at which re-

presentatives bankers and business men will be heard, will take place after the holidays.

## Singapore Share Market.

Messrs. Fraser and Co.'s weekly share circular dated the 12th inst. reports:—

The improvement mentioned in our last report has been well maintained and the preference for local shares is most noticeable, while the advance in the price of rubber has shown itself in the greater demand from London for all sterling shares. A fair amount of profit taking has been possible during the current week in local rubbers. Mining shares have not been overlooked in the improvement in other sections and generally close rather above last advices. Industrials are steady with a moderate business passing.

Rubber:—Ayer Panas have been largely dealt in from \$7.25-\$8.50. Balgownies are still wanted at \$7.75. Changkat Serdangs \$7.10, Indragiris \$6.75, Malakoffs \$2.60, Tapahs \$1.4, Palau Balangs \$3 discount, Sandysrofts \$13, and Radellas \$15. Kempas have firmed considerably finishing buyers at \$3.75. Offers are wanted for Palau Daats, Malacca Pindas and United Malaccas keep steady at \$1.50 and \$1.05 respectively, although a good number have changed hands around this figure.

In the sterling group Bukit Sembawang and Singapore United have been largely in evidence, both advancing 3d. during the week, Langan (Java) have buyers at 42½, whilst Henwoods are not obtainable under 4½. Sungai Dangans were placed at 12½, Lanadrons \$3.26, Komboks 3½, Rembia ordinary 25½ and Hajoebs 7½.

Mining:—Belata show a sharp rise from \$9.85 to \$3.50 with only a small number of shares changing hands and Rambutans were placed up to \$9. Sungai Gaus are still a strong market, coming up \$3.25 to \$15.50 in the past week and closing strong buyers at this quotation. Kinta Associations both ordinary and preference were taken at \$14.50 and Sorendah Hydraulics at \$1.90.

General:—A few Fraser and Neaves are obtainable at \$49.50. Howarth Erskines are enquired for at \$45. Singapore Cold Storages are in more demand with buyers at \$22, and Hotel van Wijks came to business at \$17. Chartered Banks were bought at \$55.30. Shell Transports found small sellers at \$51.13. Straits Traders keep very steady buyers at \$42.50 and sellers \$50 with few transactions taking place.

Linggi Dividend. Messrs. Guthrie and Co. of Singapore have received cable advice from the secretaries of Linggi Plantations, Limited, that at a meeting of the board of directors just held it was decided to declare a third interim dividend 8½ per share payable on January 10.

## Notices

## KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

(BRITISH SECTION).

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an additional train will leave Kowloon for Shum Onn calling at the Golf Course Crossing, Fan-Ling at 10.15 a.m. on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. On the above dates the train advertised to leave Kowloon at 5.30 p.m. will leave at 6.10 p.m. and will run according to the Saturday and Sunday timing.

By order,  
H. P. WINSLOW,  
Manager.

Kowloon, 19th Dec., 1912 [297]

## Christmas and New Year Holidays.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY the 25th and 26th instant and WEDNESDAY the 1st of January, 1913.  
Hongkong, 18th Dec. 1912. [295]

## FOR SALE.

OLD STAMP ALBUM. OVER 25 years old containing several thousand old and rare stamps of different countries. Apply to C. Y. Kwan, 2nd Floor, 28 Des Voeux Road, Central.

## Entertainments

## THEATRE ROYAL.

## FOUR NIGHTS ONLY.

## THE ORIENTAL THEATRICAL CO. OF MANILA, P.I. PRESENTS

## FERRIS HARTMAN,

And His Talented Co. including:

Miss MUGGINS DAVIES and

WALTER DE LEON.

Opening Performance

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26th

In the Screamingly Funny Farce

"ONE NIGHT OFF."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27th.

The latest Comedy success

"A TRIP ABROAD."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th.

Walter De Leon's Great Success

"THE GIRL AND THE BOY."

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30th.

For the first time in Hongkong,

The Great Success

"DREAM CITY."

Curtain at 9.15 p.m. sharp.

PRICES:—D. Circle \$3.50, O. Stalls

\$3.50, Stalls \$3.00, Pit \$2.00,

Gallery \$1.00.

Late Calls to the Bank.

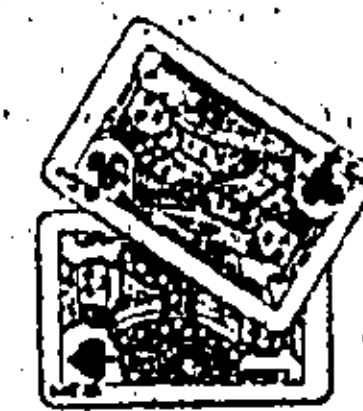
Booking at MOUTRIE & CO.,

Hongkong, 18th Dec., 1912. [298]

## THEATRE ROYAL.

## TUESDAY,

## DEC. 31ST.



ONE CARD ALONE IS MUCH TOO FEW.  
THE KNAVE OF CLUBS MAKES NO. 2.

## WATCH THIS SPACE.

## BIJOU.

9.15 p.m. To-Night. 9.15 p.m.

## SPECIAL XMAS

## PROGRAMME

## ALL NEW PICTURES

## AND

## THE FLOWER-STREET

## FOLLIES

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7.15 PICTURES ONLY. 7.15

## VICTORIA THEATRE.

## THE PIONEER PLACE OF

## ENTERTAINMENT OF

## HONGKONG.

2 Performances:

7.15 Pictures only.

9.15 Full Programmes.

Matinee:

Wednesday & Holidays ... 5 p.m.

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Magnificent Films.

The Charming

American Subrett

HOWARD SISTERS.

MISS NELLIE MAHER.

Refined, Sensible.

Grande Matinee with Valuable Prizes

on 28th December, 1912

and 1st January, 1913

at 4 p.m.

Popular Prices.

## Notice

## THE CHINA PROVIDENT

## LOAN AND MORTGAGE

## CO., LD.

(CAPITAL PAID UP, \$1,250,000.)

Lendon Mortgage of House Property

and

Goods retained on Storage.

Advances made on Merchandise.

Loans made on the Provident System.

(Rates and Particulars on application).

and Office on

TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF

WILLS, ATTORNEY, & CO.,

Undertaken and Executed.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1909 [28]

## Banks

## INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

(Head Office: 60, Wall Street, New York, U.S.A.)

London Office: 55, Abchurch Lane, E.C.4.

## BRANCHES:

Bombay, Calcutta, Canton, Cebu, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Mexico, Peking, San Francisco, Shanghai, Singapore, Soerabaya, Tientsin, Yokohama.

Capital and Reserve: \$100,000,000 (Gold).

Every Description of BANKING BUSINESS.

DEPOSITS RECEIVED, fixed for one year at 4% per annum, or for shorter periods, at rates, which may be ascertained on application.

LETTERS OF CREDIT AND DRAFTS granted on all the principal cities in the world.

THE BANK'S CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT are available all over the world.

COMMERCIAL LETTERS OF CREDIT issued.

PURCHASE AND SALE of Stocks and Shares effected.

TRAVELLERS CHECKS sold and cashed.

GEORGE HOGG, Manager.

9, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 1st Nov., 1912 [49]

## THE

## YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.

Authorized Capital Yen 48,000,000

Paid-up Capital " 30,000,000

Reserve Fund " 17,500,000

Head Office.—YOKOHAMA.

Branches: Antung-Hsien, Bombay, Calcutta, Changchun, Dairen, Fengtien, Harbin, Hankow, Honolulu, Kobe, Liao-Yang, London, Lyons.

Agencies at: Nagasaki, Newchwang, New York, Osaka, Peking, Ryojun Port, San Francisco, Shanghai, Tientsin, Tokyo.

Interest Allowed on Current Account.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1912. [18]

## Notices

## PEAK TRAMWAY CO. LIMITED.

## TIME TABLE

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 min.

8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. " 10 min.

10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 15 min.

11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. " 15 min.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. " 10 min.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. " 15 min.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. " 10 min.

2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.

5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. every 15 minutes.

## SUNDAYS.

7.30 a.m.

8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. every 15 min.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 10 min.

11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon " 15 min.

12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. " 10 min.

1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. " 10 min.

8.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

## SATURDAYS.

Extra Cars at 11.45 p.m.

SPECIAL CARS.

Arrangement at the Company's Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd Nov., 1911.

## THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

EIGHT FAMINE DISTRICTS with an area of 80,000 square miles.

TWO and a half million people facing starvation.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO-DAY.

IT WILL HELP TO SAVE LIFE.

Treasurer, H. C. GULLAND, Esq., Manager, International Banking Corporation, Shanghai.

Hongkong, 24th January 1912 [170]

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

## PORTLAND CEMENT

In Casks of 87½ lbs. net.

In Bags of 250 lbs. net.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th August, 1901 [28]

Medium and Fine Cakes 5½ and 60 cents per lb. and 100 day Cakes from \$1.00 per lb.

ALEXANDRA CAFE CO.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1909 [28]

## Banks

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

PAID-UP CAPITAL: \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND: \$10,000,000

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## LOCAL SPORT.

(Continued from page 5).

Hongkong.	
T. E. Pearce, b White	36
A. C. E.borough, b White	50
S. H. Dwyer, not out	38
J. S. Lloyd, c and b White	12
H. Hancock, c Robinson White	4
R. Hancock, R. N. Anderson,	
R. P. Thurstfield, E. A. S.	
Fowler, D. E. Donnelly and	
A. H. Gillingham did not	
bat.	
Extra	1

Total (for 4 wickets).....139

Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
A. G. White	9.5 0 59 4
W. H. Foster-Pegg	9 1 57 0
Veitch	5.1 28 0

Police Well Beaten.  
Crainengower O.C. completely swamped the Police on Saturday, for neither the latter's batting nor bowling came off and they lost by 92 runs. Taylor and Peatonji for the winners did good execution with the ball, their averages being 4 for 21 and 6 for 20. Scores:—

Police.	
G. A. Woodcock o Basa b	0
Taylor	0
G. Fowler c Basa b Peatonji	6
A. Grimmett c Johnston b	3
Taylor	22
D. Burlingham l.b.w. b Peatonji	22
W. Orvickshank b Peatonji	8
Glendinning c Vivesh b Taylor	0
W. Pitt b Peatonji	2
K. McLennan c Basa b Peatonji	0
J. Kelly not out	1
W. Cooper b Peatonji	4
J. Kerr c Peatonji b Taylor	1
Extras	7

Total ..... 62

Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
Taylor	8.2 1 21 4
Peatonji	8 0 20 0

Crainengower.  
E. L. Braga run out ... 3  
H. H. Taylor b Woodcock ... 5  
J. V. Braga b Moody ... 20  
L. A. Rose c Crvickshank b Kerr ... 22  
R. Peatonji b Moody ... 27  
R. A. Carvalho b Kerr ... 4  
W. H. Vivesh not out ... 30  
R. Basa c McLennan b Cooper ... 5  
G. A. Hancock c and b Cooper ... 2  
C. Johnston l.b.w. b Cooper ... 18  
J. D. Nora b Crvickshank ... 7  
Extras ... 5

Total ..... 154

Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
Moody	9 1 39 2
Woodcock	4 0 16 1
King	3 0 23 0
Kerr	6 0 43 2
Cooper	3 0 18 3
Crvickshank	13 0 9 1

Kowloon B. were at home on Saturday to the Royal Engineers, winning a friendly game by 110 runs and five wickets, thanks to the good batting of Wilkie, 56 retired, N.L. Raitton, 26, Capt. Wood, 24, and L.N. Whyte 24. For the Royal Engineers Sapper Collins did well for 27. In bowling, Capt. Wood for Kowloon took four wickets for 17 runs, and Goldsmith 5 for 27.

The scores were as follow:—  
Kowloon B.  
N. L. Raitton b Whyting ..... 26  
Capt. Wood c Hibberd b Collins ..... 24  
A. R. Raven c and b Collins ..... 56  
P. W. Wilkie retired ..... 56  
D. J. Mackenzie b Tucker ..... 18  
H. Scott c Wright b Whyting ..... 11  
L. M. Whyte not out ..... 24  
W. Douglas not out ..... 4  
H. E. Goldsmith ..... 4  
C. W. Jeffries ..... 4  
E. J. Edward ..... 4  
Extras ..... 18  
Total ..... 185

Bowling.	
O. M. R. W.	
Wilkinson	4 0 33 0
Collins	8 1 36 2
Whyting	6 1 35 2
Tucker	2 0 12 1
Wright	4 4 7 0
Hill	2 0 8 0
Miller	3 0 20 0

Royal Engineers.  
Lee Opl. Tucker, b Capt. Wood ..... 6  
Spr. Johnson c Scott b Capt. Wood ..... 5  
Spr. Wilkinson b Goldsmith ..... 1  
Collins c Whyte b Goldsmith ..... 37  
Hibberd b Goldsmith ..... 6  
Wright b Scott ..... 5  
Whyting b Goldsmith ..... 5

Spr. Brown b Capt. Wood	1
Miller b Goldsmith	0
Skelcher not out	0
Hill c Raitton b Capt. Wood	2
Extras	7
Total	75

Bowling.	
O. M. R. W.	
Capt. Wood	9 1 17 4
H. F. Goldsmith	10 0 25 5
H. Scott	4 1 15 1
D. J. Mackenzie	3 0 11 0

RACING.  
Attendances at the Racecourse on Saturday morning included H. E. Sir Henry May, Sir Paul Chater, Mr. T. F. Hough, Mr. H. P. White and Mr. G. Friesland, together with many others. Most of the bets were sent the quarter, among them being one from Ewo's stables which moved freely. Mr. Maitland's white-faced dun did a good performance, while Dr. Hastings' chestnut started a good impression. Mr. T. F. Hough's pony showed much freedom of action and His Excellency's dun Derby griffin in a canter showed up well.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.  
On Saturday afternoon the second round of the Rugby Cup Competition was played off when the Club beat the Navy by 17 points to 6 after a strenuous game. The Club had all the better of matters in the first-half and quite deserved their lead of 14 points to nil. Not long after receiving the ball from the line-out Claxton dropped a good goal, while later he again crossed the line near the posts for Sutherland to convert and the latter also converting a try by Fisher, the Club managed to establish a winning lead, at half time. It was fortunate that they did so as the Navy largely controlled the game in the second half and managed to cross the line twice. During the occasional bursts by the Club, Claxton again managed to cross far out but the kick failed. The Navy were unfortunate in not having the services of their Captain, Taylor, while they also lost Chambers just before half time. This however was balanced by the fact that the Club lost Henderson after the first five minutes.

American Rugby.  
A game of American Rugby, which should show the sportsman of the colony "real American football," will be played on Christmas Day at half past two, on the Polo grounds between two picked eleven from the U.S.S. Wilmington.  
This is the first time that the so-called "rough" American game has been played in Hongkong.  
The teams are designated as the "Blues" and the "Greys," and the names of the players are:—  
Blues: Driscoll, Desorder, Grey, Grieco, Heimlich, Lannon, Wilson, Nordorg, Arzner, Heyman, Borgstadt and Willis.  
The Greys have several substitutes; their team includes: Schilling, Holmes, Whedder, Landfield, Nolen, Ballard, Kenzie, Caples, Riddle, Maskie, Marsh, Sharp, and Swickrath.

Billiards.  
Messrs. Martin and Heathcote will play in the semi-final of the Grand Hotel Billiard Handicap Tournament to-morrow night at 9 p.m. The winner is to play Mr. McLennan at a date which will be announced later.

South Pole Discoverer.  
Captain Amundsen, the discoverer of the South Pole, lectured before the Royal Geographical Society at Queen's Hall last month on the Antarctic adventures. Describing the arrival at the Pole on December 14, 1911, he said, "The goal was reached. Calm, so calm, stretched the mighty plateau before us, untrod by the feet of man. It was undeniably a moment of solemnity when all of us, with our hands on the flagstaff, planted the colours of our country on the geographical South Pole on King Haakon VII. Plateau. A little tent was pitched to mark the spot with the Norwegian flag hoisted, and in the tent was left a letter addressed to King Haakon, with the information of what the expedition had done. Judging from the weather conditions this tent might stay there for many years to come."

## POST OFFICE.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAYS.  
The Post Office will be open on Christmas Day, on Thursday the 26th instant and on Wednesday the 1st January 1913—from 8 till 9 a.m. only. There will be one delivery of ordinary correspondence and one collection of letters each day as on Sundays.  
The Money Order office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.  
Shanghai etc., s.s. Chenan.  
Haiphong, s.s. Mathilde.  
Saigon, etc., s.s. Phranang.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.  
Left Hongkong  
Dec. 5  
Dec. 6

MAILS DUE.  
American and Siberian, Luat-zow, 24th inst.  
The Luat-zow is expected to arrive here to-morrow with the American Mail ex s.s. Mongolia and with remaining portion of the Mails from London (via Siberia) of the 29th and 30th Nov. and the Mail of the 4th inst.

MAILS CLOSE.  
Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Singapore, 24th Dec., 9 a.m.  
Pakhoi and Haiphong—Per Singapore, 24th Dec., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang 24th Dec., 11 a.m.  
Straits, India via Calcutta—Per Namsang, 24th Dec., 1 p.m.  
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 24th Dec., 1.15.  
Philippine Islands—Per Fuchow, 24th Dec., 3 p.m.  
Teingtau, Weihaiwei and Ceylon—Per Hangchow, 24th Dec., 3 p.m.  
Saigon—Per Phumpeh, 24th Dec., 3 p.m.  
Singapore, Samarang and Sourabaya—Per Ningpo, 24th Dec., 4 p.m.  
Shanghai and North China—Per Wingsang, 24th Dec., 5 p.m.  
Swatow—Per Haimun, 24th Dec., 5 p.m.

German Mail.  
Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Naples—Per Lut-zow, 24th Dec., 6 p.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Anping—Per Soshu Maru, 24th Dec., 5 p.m.

Straits and Ceylon—Per Sicilia, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.  
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per Dilwara, 26th Dec., 11 a.m.  
Japan via Nagasaki Victoria and Tacoma—Per Tacomamaru, 26th Dec., noon.  
Shanghai and North China—Per Chenan, 26th Dec., 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Feiching, 26th Dec., 5 p.m.  
Shanghai and North China—Per Choy-sang, 27th Dec., 11 a.m.  
Philippine Islands—Per Zafiro, 27th Dec., 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands, Yap, Maroon, Fred, Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herbertshoke, Mutupi, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Brisbane—Per Prinz Waldemar, 28th Dec., 8 a.m.

Philippine—Per Loongsang, 28th Dec., 1 p.m.  
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—Per Ernest Simons, 28th Dec., 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per Linan, 28th Dec., 5 p.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haitan, 30th Dec., 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States and South America via San Francisco (Europe via Siberia)—Per Nile, 31st Dec., noon.  
Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, the 3rd Jan., at 5 p.m.—Per Delta, 4th Jan., 11 a.m.

British Mail.  
Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, the 3rd Jan., at 5 p.m.—Per Delta, 4th Jan., 11 a.m.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVED.

Fukura Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,139, S. Kumawaki, 21st Dec.—Wakamatsu 17th Dec., Coal.—M. B. G. K.  
Keong Wei, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Kohler, 21st Dec.—Bangkok and Holbow 11th Dec., Rice and Timber.—N. D. L.  
Chiyuen, Chi.s.s., 1,177, Jameson, 22nd Dec.—Shanghai 18th Dec., Gen.—O. M. S. N. Co.  
Canton Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,927, D. Murakami, 22nd Dec.—Wakamatsu 13th Dec., Coal.—M. B. G. K.  
Kansu, Br. s.s., 1,143, Tulbber, 22nd Dec.—Tientsin and Shanghai 18th Dec., Gen.—B & S.  
Patria, Port. cruiser, 736, J. C. Carvalho, 22nd Dec.—Macao 21st Dec.  
Eiger, Br. s.s., 1,875, E. Fingal-son, 22nd Dec.—Haiphong and Holbow 21st Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.  
Banri Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,360, Y. Mase, 22nd Dec.—Sourabaya 14th Dec., Sugar.—D & Co.  
Europa Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,256, M. Tanaka, 22nd Dec.—Malay 20th Dec., Coal.—M. B. G. K.  
S.M.S. Emden, Ger. cruiser, 3,600, V. Restorff, 22nd Dec.—from Pagoda Anchorage.  
Haiyang, Br. s.s., 1,363, Hodgins, 22nd Dec.—Fuchow via Ports 19th Dec., Gen.—D. L. & Co.  
Awa Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,911, R. Shimidzu, 22nd Dec.—Shanghai 19th Dec., Gen.—N. Y. K.  
Kwangshai, Br. s.s., Ch. Stewart, 22nd Dec.—Canton 31st Dec., Gen.—O. M. S. N. Co.  
Kashing, Br. s.s., 1,134, Lewis, 22nd Dec.—Canton 21st Dec., Gen.—B & S.  
Feiching, Br. s.s., 960, Crawford, 22nd Dec.—Canton 21st Dec., Gen.—O. M. S. N. Co.  
Kingsang, Br. s.s., 1,222, Walker, 22nd Dec.—Canton 21st Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.  
Chenan, Br. s.s., 1,355, Jones, 22nd Dec.—Shanghai 19th Dec., Gen.—B & S.  
Mathilde, Ger. s.s., 831, G. Schlaf-fer, 22nd Dec.—Haiphong, Pakhoi and Holbow 21st Dec., Rice and Gen.—J. & Co.  
Phranang, Ger. s.s., 1,021, H. C. Reher, 22nd Dec.—Saigon 20th Dec. Rice—B & S.  
Koonshing, Br. s.s., 1,333, Wright, 23rd Dec.—Canton 22nd Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.  
Johanne, Ger. s.s., 951, Ipland, 23rd Dec.—Macao 22nd Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.  
Segovia, Ger. s.s., 3,060, Lubiko, 23rd Dec.—Teingtau, Gen.—H. A. L.  
Alesia, Ger. s.s., 5,144, Babel, 23rd Dec.—Shanghai 20th Dec., Gen.—H. A. L.  
Shibetori Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,478, T. Miyata, 23rd Dec.—Mojji 17th Dec., Coal.—M. B. G. K.  
Hanol, Br. s.s., 739, A. Mauzerite, 23rd Dec.—Haiphong and Pakhoi 22nd Dec., Gen.—A. R. Marty.

## CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Dec. 21.  
Kumsang, for Kobe.  
Atrous, for London.  
Erriken, for Kaban.  
Dajin-maru, for Tamsui.  
Soshu-maru, for Canton.  
Hangsang, for Shanghai.  
Dec. 23.  
Chiyuen, for Canton.  
Feiching, for Shanghai.  
Chenan, for Canton.  
Kansu, for Canton.  
Wakasa-maru, for Bombay.  
Kingsang, for Shanghai.  
Mausang, for Sandakan.  
Haiyang, for Foochow.  
Koonshing, for Shanghai.  
Kashing, for Fanchang Bay.  
Singai, for Bangkok.  
Dec. 22.  
Landrat Schleff, for Swatow.  
Dalya-maru, for Wakamatsu.  
Tungwah, for Shanghai.  
Dajin-maru, for Swatow.  
Walshing, for Shanghai.  
Anhui, for Shanghai.  
Dec. 23.  
Chenan, for Canton.  
Mausang, for Sandakan.  
Atrous, for Straits.  
Wakasa-maru, for Ceylon.

## PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Keongwai, arrived 21st inst., from Bangkok, etc.—Cornish, G.  
Per s.s. Awa Maru, arrived 22nd inst., from Shanghai—Camero, J. W. Whet-R-P.  
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## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 23rd at 10.50.—Pressure has increased over the whole of China, considerably in the north and moderately in the south. A strong anticyclone is now central to the north of the Yangtze valley.  
The depression which was to the south of Japan yesterday, is now situated to the east of Hokkaido.  
Strong monsoon is indicated along the E. coast of China and fresh monsoon over the N. China Sea.  
Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day 0.14 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.  
District. Forecast.

1 Hongkong and neighbourhood. N.E. winds fresh, fair.  
2 Formosa Channel, gale.  
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook. The same as No. 1.  
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.  
23rd December, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Weather.
Wostock	7a	30.30	11	48	—	0 b
Nemuro	6a	29.65	—	—	—	ene 4
Hakodate	—	29.93	—	—	—	nsw 3
Tokio	—	29.93	—	—	—	0
Koshi	—	30.19	—	—	—	sw 1
Nagasaki	—	30.33	—	—	—	nw 4
Kshima	—	30.29	—	—	—	n 1
Oshima	—	30.24	—	—	—	nne 1
Naha	—	30.25	—	—	—	nne 1
Ishijima	—	30.19	—	—	—	ne 3
Bonin Is.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chafuo	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whaiwei	—	30.52	21	88	n 6 b	—
Hankow	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	30.54	39	73	nw 1 o	—
Gutzlaff	—	30.32	42	—	n 5 ov	—
Amoy	—	30.36	57	—	n 4 o	—
Swatow	—	30.35	57	69	ene 2 o	—
Taihouku	—	30.24	58	75	no 2 c	—
Taihu	—	30.28	—	—	e 4	—
Tainan	—	30.17	—	—	n 4	—
Koshun	—	30.14	—	—	ne 6	—
P'ndores	—	30.13	—	—	ne 6	—
Canton	—	30.19	—	—	n 10	—
H'kong	—	30.21	62	85	e 4 o	—
V. Peak	—	30.17	—	—	ne 3 o	—
Gap Rock	—	30.17	—	—	nne 5 o	—
Macao	—	30.17	60	—	nne 2 o	—
Wuchow	—	—	—	—	—	—
Holhow	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	—	30.30	13	64	—	ene 5 c
Phulien	—	30.04	72	—	ene 2 c	—
Tourane	—	29.96	72	—	ene 4 b	—
C. St. J.	—	30.04	—	—	se 1 o	—
Apariti	—	29.98	—	—	se 1 o	—
Legaspi	—	29.96	—	—	ne 1 o	—
Bacolod	—	29.99	—	—	nw 2 o	—
Iloilo	—	29.99	79	—	ne 2 b	—
Cebu	—	29.95	80	—	e 1 o	—
Labuan	—	29.91	83	—	—	—

T. F. Claxton, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 23.

1 Barometer, reduced to 82 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

6 State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q equally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew (wet).

0 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

## METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On Date	On Date
Barometer	30.05	30.05	30.02
Temperature	65	64	66
Humidity	68	80	77
Wind	E	E	E
Direction	E	E	E
Force	4	3	2
Weather	b	o	o
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air temperature on the 23rd Dec. 1912.

H.K. Observatory, 21st Dec., 1912.

T. F. Claxton, Director.

## TIDE TABLE.

Dec. 17th to 23rd Dec., 1912.	Low Water	High Water
17	10.15	10.15
18	10.15	10.15
19	10.15	10.15
20	10.15	10.15
21	10.15	10.15
22	10.15	10.15
23	10.15	10.15

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	Capt. G. W. Gordon, R.N.		
LONDON, VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELTA	Noon, 4th Jan.	Freight and Pass.
	Capt. E. P. Martin, R.N.		
LONDON & ANTWERP, ST. PETERSBURG, RYSSIA, COPENHAGEN, PORT SAID AND SUEZ	SICILIA	1 a.m., 25th Dec.	Freight and Pass.
	Capt. O. H. Watkins, R.N.		
SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SUNDA	about 28th Dec.	Freight and Pass.
	Capt. G. E. J. J. J. J.		

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